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The front cover shows the Multi-Faith Centre, University of Derby

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The Union List is now available on the internet at
<http://www.le.ac.uk/abtapl/>

It includes the philosophy, theology and religious studies journal holdings of 47 different institutions in the UK and should prove a useful tool in tracing the locations of titles. Publisher details are given for some titles and links to free electronic journals are also included. It is updated regularly.

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Cheques should be made payable to **ABTAPL**

Please note that some holdings shown in the printed list are now incorrect
More accurate holdings can be found on the website.

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To register contact Penelope Hall at Prjhall@aol.com

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

**2005 Spring Residential Conference
and Annual General Meeting**
will be held at
Collingwood College, The University of Durham
from
Thursday 7th April to Saturday 9th April

Please send items for inclusion in the agenda to the Honorary Secretary

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2005 Autumn Meeting
will be held at
Oak Hill College, London
on
Thursday 27th October

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**2006 Golden Jubilee Conference
and Annual General Meeting**
will be held at
The International Baptist Theological Seminary
Prague, Czech Republic
from
Thursday 6th April to Monday 10th April

For more information and to register interest (no obligation to attend)
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Monday 31st October 2005 at 2pm
Visitor numbers are limited.

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9.00 am - 12. 30 pm Tuesday and Thursday

9.00 am - 5.00 pm on Wednesdays

(not public holidays).

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REPORT ON THE 2004 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The American Theological Library Association annual conference was held in Kansas City, Missouri, 16th to 19th June 2004. Being situated in the central part of the United States, the conference was well attended, with delegates coming from all parts of the country, as well as a number of guests and observers from outside the United States. Four of us from within the ranks of the BETH membership were in attendance - the President, Pierre Beffa, Henrik Laursen from the Royal Library of Denmark, Denyse Lèger of the World Council of Churches in Geneva and myself.

The opening reception was held in an elegant room, which formerly served as the lobby of the conference hotel in downtown Kansas City. All of the meetings were held centrally with the exception of the Saturday sessions, which were held on the campus of the Saint Paul School of Theology.

The International Committee hosted a luncheon for all of the international guests on the Thursday and we had an opportunity to become acquainted with our hosts and with the other guests, and to chat informally around the table. On the Friday, there was a more formal discussion centred on the topic of international collaboration as part of the Roundtable discussion groups. A number of issues pertinent to BETH's relationship with ATLA were discussed, including the partnership sponsor program, whereby a library can subscribe to the Religion Database for half the cost when partnered with a library in the United States that already subscribes. There was some discussion concerning the possibility for a consortium price, but it was pointed out to those in attendance that the sale of access to the Database is actually handled by a vendor, so this creates some problems in trying to work out such an arrangement. The need for a deposit library for periodicals not presently available in Europe was once again brought to the attention of the ATLA International Committee and the Executive Director. In addition to the above, there was mention of the existence of overlapping with the IXTHEO database, and some reference to the fact that at times our American colleagues need our help in obtaining copies of articles published in Europe that are currently not available in the U.S. The discussion was collegial and helpful in clarifying some of the areas of collaboration between our respective associations. At the conclusion it was noted that there would be at least two persons coming to the BETH meeting in Lyon in September as representatives of ATLA - Eileen Crawford and Melody Mazuk.

At the banquet on Saturday evening, which was held in the old train station in Kansas City, we were treated to their traditional barbecue and serenaded by a jazz trio, reminding us that that city is famous as place that was home to so many of the American jazz bands in the past.

For me personally, the most stimulating session was the plenary address by Jaroslav Pelikan and Valerie Hotchkiss entitled, *The Place of Creeds and Confessions of Faith in the Theological Library*. Professor Pelikan has such a breadth of knowledge on the subject that it was fascinating to listen to him and, in a sense, take a journey through the annals of the American independent religious movements.

In conclusion, I feel it fitting to reiterate our appreciation for the cooperation and collaboration that we enjoy with our American colleagues, and a hope that this friendly working relationship will continue for many years to come.

Penelope Hall
Secretary of BETH

**REPORT OF THE THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIANS' CONFERENCE,
INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,
PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC, 23rd-28th JANUARY 2005**

What do you do when you are asked if you are willing to write a report, but are not the only one who is asked? Do you say that you are willing to do so if the other person is unable to? If you are tempted to say yes to that, beware. You will find yourself actually doing it, and not only that, the report will have to encompass thirty-one different lectures / workshops – all within 3,000 words maximum. That is my experience.

These lectures / workshops were all part of the Theological Librarians' Conference that was hosted by the International Baptist Theological Seminary (IBTS) at Prague, in the Czech Republic. It was held between January 23rd-28th, which is perhaps a little later or earlier in the year than when King Wenceslas looked out, but there was certainly plenty of snow, which was "deep and crisp and even". The outside temperature ensured that the snow remained for the week.

Now, how do I tell you about such a conference?

There were about fifty-one delegates from sixteen different countries. It was a delightful experience getting to know them and to know their situations. It certainly helps to put our own difficulties into perspective when we hear of libraries that have been destroyed needing to be rebuilt totally – building as well as stock. The issue of finance in relation to electronic resources and journal subscription was also obvious, in that some libraries had very little for the former, and nothing for the latter. It was then probably inevitable that those sessions dealing with networking and inter-library co-operation and support would be popular, and would account for most of the official discussion sessions as well as the unofficial ones. Something that those libraries from former Communist countries had which we don't in the West was about two or three, if not four, members of staff in relatively small libraries. However, with the political changes in their country, and the consequent economic realities blowing in, they too are having to consider how to empty a quart into a pint pot.

The conference programme started at 9.30 each morning, and finished at 5.00 p.m., with breaks for coffee and lunch. Each day was therefore full, but full of good things. We had thirty-one sessions altogether, eleven being in the nature of a lecture / presentation, seventeen workshops, and three discussion sessions. The workshops were doubled up so we had to choose our session, except for one specifically set apart for looking at how we serve distance students. It is hoped that a number of the papers given will be available for perusal on the BETH web-site (<http://www.beth.be>) in a short while. What follows will be just bits and pieces from during the week.

Three ABTAPL committee members were given the task of beginning the day on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday respectively, thus providing the week with a perfect symmetry. Alan Linfield 'started the week' with a presentation on the 'Distinctive issues theological libraries face'. These were helpfully illustrated within the context of the London School of Theology. The encouragement to make use of the CILIP resources guidelines and to exploit the official management structures that exist was helpful. It is always good to be reminded of these things. Although the CILIP guidelines are of greater significance to us in ABTAPL, they may well be helpful to librarians in other countries as they seek to establish standards. Even though it was noted that January 24th had been designated the most miserable day of the year, and even though some of the issues that we face can tempt us to be miserable at times, Alan's presentation ensured

the week started very well. Reality was faced, and yet (this being a constant theme of the week) we were directed to ways in which we can maximise the resources we can make available to those who use our libraries.

Judy Powles' task was the 'midweek' slot, at 10.15 on Wednesday morning. Her title was 'One (wo)man operation – small library, big job'. Is this not something that most of us can again identify with? This was also illustrated from within the context of Judy's position at Spurgeon's College. It is a very helpful way of dealing with such a subject, since it was dealt with as an issue that has practical day to day implications, and not as a dry theoretical treatise. We could enter the situation, and although some individual bits and pieces of the work differ from place to place, the principles that we can apply to our own situation remain the same. Judy gave a list of the various tasks that need to be completed within her situation. What a list! It is probable that the same exclamation could be made if we all made such a list of our tasks. We also received a helpful list of references and resources at the end of the talk.

Penny Hall's slot was 'week ending', or at least her task was to speak on Friday morning. The subject was 'Sharing resources in Europe'. The practical aspect of the week was emphasised here, since the previous papers already heard during the week, and the many discussions over mealtimes caused Penny to change some of what she wished to say. This is surely a right way of responding. To respond flexibly and practically to what is actually happening and to real needs enhances the value of what is said, and enhances the value of the whole week. What was typical of European libraries was listed, most of which cause limitations. It was suggested that to overcome these limitations on a library level it is necessary to lay aside differences and find the commonalities. Various levels of co-operation were noted. We were reminded that we can get to know libraries close to us geographically on an informal basis. Then we looked at the value of co-operation between libraries within the association of a given country, as well as co-operation between associations, which is what BETH seeks to foster. BETH-ATLA is also a very useful link – European richness as evidenced by the library holdings, and the American richness as, especially, evidenced by the software they have developed.

Jonathan Morgan, archivist at Dr. Williams's Library, another ABTAPL member, held a workshop on archival work on Wednesday afternoon. He was quite friendly to us librarians, and allowed us to salve our consciences when we do not look after our archival collections properly by emphasising

that being simple is the best. Over-complication is unhelpful and expensive. It was also good for those of us who may not be technophiles to hear from one who knows where it's at, that digitisation and holding material in electronic form is not a panacea – put everything on clay tablets and they will last for thousands of years. Simplicity, clarity of records, and prioritisation of tasks were listed as pillars on which the work may rest. Don't tell Jonathan, but I may try his suggestion of half a day a week on archival work, and see how far I get. It may be worth setting up a competition amongst those of us with similar situations and see how far we get.

Three other presentations were from organisations who help theological colleges in various parts of the world improve and increase their holdings. We were aware what 'Third World' and 'Developing countries' meant, but some of us were introduced to the phrase 'Majority world' countries for the first time. We learned that the phrases are mostly overlapping, and can be used interchangeably.

One organisation was Langham International, which is part of Langham Partnership International (<http://www.langhampartnership.org/literature>). They provide books at very good discounts as part of their distribution programme. They also seek to provide funds to enable authors from the 'majority world' countries to write books on theological issues, while based in their own country, and in their own language.

The second organisation was the Theological Book Network, Inc. (<http://www.theologicalbooknetwork.org>). They are involved in seeking to distribute 180,000 – 200,000 books in theology, biblical studies, philosophy, history, liturgies, religious studies, and world religions, annually. These are also available at good discounts, and are not limited to the majority world.

Lastly, we heard from 4WRD – For the World Resource Distributors – (<http://www.4wr.org>). They would supply according to the needs of their customers, both in-print and out-of-print titles. They also offer library start-up packs, which would be useful where holdings have been destroyed in some way. Since those who run 4WRD are trained librarians, training and support is also on offer.

It was good to hear about these organisations who are dedicated to help the development of libraries in various parts of the world. It was also good to

meet a number of American librarians who had decided to use their retirement days to help and encourage libraries in the central and eastern European countries represented in Prague. This might be a good indication of what to do when our perceived usefulness within the libraries of our own land comes to an end.

One thing from Penny Hall's session that I forgot to note earlier on was her mention of the 'Leuven corridor'. What was this we wondered? Was it where disgruntled punters were cooled off? No, nothing like that – as we were reminded by Alexander from Moscow, we are to care and look after our punters. Rather, this corridor, which is to be found in the Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium, is full of duplicate books. Etienne D'hondt, the librarian, has an encyclopaedic knowledge of what is stored there, and it might be possible, by contacting him, to find a book that you need.

We also had a series of three sessions that dealt with the subject of Collection Development. Katharina Penner, our wonderful hostess, the librarian at IBTS, dealt with 'Access versus ownership'. It was helpful in many ways to hear that these two things are not opposites, but occupy different positions on a spectrum. There will, therefore, be movement between the two during various stages of the life of a library, or librarian. We considered advantages and disadvantages of each one, and what was required to move from one to the other. Although the access model may be more likely to be the 'flavour of the month', it is important to consider what needs to be in place to make it possible, with inevitable references to finance. The value, or otherwise, of browsing in ownership, and the dependence on 'someone' holding a copy in the access model with possible monopoly problems arising were considered. However, the conclusion was inevitably in the direction of co-operation between libraries. If we knew where the 'centres of excellence' for various subjects were, we could use them to good effect.

We then had two examples given to us of a collection development policy. One was a presentation given by Jolanta Kaun and Betsy Dintaman of the Lithuania Christian College. It was a clear message of needing to build a collection around the needs of the institution. Work out clearly what you are about; what is your mission statement. Then, within the constraints of your particular situation seek to be as creative as possible in meeting the needs of your users. Concentrating on one's 'core business' was a thought that kept on coming to mind. When that is done, the frills may then be added if wished.

The second presentation on collection development was given by Sarah Chetti and Rola Salloum, from the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut. It started in 1960, but the first trained librarian arrived there in 1998. An interregnum in the work of the Seminary was enforced during the Civil War, which has caused different kinds of problems for them. It was good to hear from these two ladies as they sought, with enthusiasm and good grace, to meet the needs of the students. Sarah even managed to get one of the guards at the Prague Castle to smile – don't tell his superiors.

The other sessions ranged from cataloguing, library administration, inter-library loans, the place of students in library work, distance students, security, training, and library automation. They have an importance as much as the other items dealt with in this report, and I apologise to those who found them particularly helpful, and to those who would have wished to read about them. I can only plead the personal nature of the report, and the space available for it, in mitigation. Please keep on checking the BETH web-site to see which papers will be posted there.

Who said that theological librarians had no life about them? As, perhaps, has been apparent from this sketchy view and report of the conference, the week was full of lectures, workshops, discussion groups, and food, with little time for much else. Rebellion was fomenting, bubbling up to the surface even. This happened to such an extent that it was agreed to give us a free afternoon on Thursday, the workshops of that day being re-arranged on other days. We could, therefore, hit the town! So, after lunch, a number of us gathered to go via the wonderfully cheap public transport system (12 crowns for one and a half hours – approximately 30pence – bus-metro-tram) into the centre of Prague.

We were given a well-informed and interesting tour of the pre-Reformation and Reformation sites in Prague. Some of the sites and views are magnificent, within the cathedral, and in the city itself. It was a great pity that the temperature was around -7°c out of the wind, and we had a keen wind blowing at times. We could not, therefore, stand and wait for the twelve apostles to come out for a walk when the clock struck on the hour. You must make the effort to see them if you are going to Prague for the ABTAPL conference next year. You must also remember to have small coins to allow you access to the 'small room' in various parts of the city. Some of us then returned to IBTS as soon as was possible, while others braved the cold to enjoy what was on offer in terms of street markets and restaurants.

One of the decidedly 'civilised' parts of each evening was being able to enjoy company, chat, cake, coffee, tea, in the Guest Lounge. After a day of 'talking shop', enjoying that time allowed us to relax and prepare for bed. Thank you IBTS for providing that. A nearby Gift Shop, with lots of interesting items was well placed to tempt us to part with our crowns. In seeing how much was spent, I have begun to wonder if it was strategically placed, since our level of tiredness meant we had little resistance to the pull of the trinkets. Good stuff, though.

Simplicity, good order, prioritisation, mission statement, development policy, co-operation, inter-library loan, e-mail discussion lists, and other words and phrases came through clear and often during the week. The discussion sessions grappled with a number of them. During our last discussion session on Friday, the inevitable question was asked. Will there be another such conference? Certainly, there was enthusiasm for one. We wait to see what happens when the dust settles. It will be good to have another one, whether at IBTS or Osjek in Croatia – who knows?

I hope that the above has in some way aroused your curiosity concerning IBTS¹ and Prague, and that you will be making definite moves to arrange your schedule in such a way that you will be there as part of the ABTAPL conference next year. It will be warmer when you go, and you may appreciate a real 'Prague spring'. I know you will enjoy a real welcome at IBTS – they are grand folk.

¹ Further information about the Seminary can be found on their website at <http://www.ibts.cz>

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THE MULTI-FAITH CENTRE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DERBY

By Eileen Fry

Some of you may remember me back in April 1998 when I came and presented a new website *MultiFaithNet* (<http://www.multifaithnet.org>)¹ to you at your Conference in Manchester. Life moves on and now I write to you as the Director of the Multi-Faith Centre based at the University of Derby working in the arena of inter-faith, bringing people of faith and no faith together to try to understand each other, to co-exist and work together.

I propose to give a potted history behind the project to build a Multi-Faith Centre and then follow that with an outline of what the Centre does now and what I think the future holds for the Centre and inter-faith dialogue/relations.

History

The project has been around since 1992 when the University of Derby decided to form a Committee to look at and address the needs of staff and students from differing religious faith traditions. In order to do this they enlisted the help of the local faith communities from the Bahá'í Faith, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism. Representatives from these faiths joined this committee and from their meetings came the seed of an idea to build a Centre in which all faiths and none could meet for education and dialogue. The idea was the brainchild of Professor Jonathan Powers, the then Pro-vice Chancellor of the University, and Dr. Paul Weller who is now Professor of Inter-religious Relations at the University but, back in 1992, was working as a Religious Studies Lecturer and the Editor of the Directory Project, *Religions in the UK: A Multi-Faith Directory* produced in 1994, 1997 and the third edition in 2001. I also worked on the Directory Project initially as a researcher and then as its Project Manager.

Architects' Competition

In 1996 an architects' competition was held with the brief to produce plans for a building which would be acceptable to all faiths as a "village of spaces". It needed to have rooms for administration; areas for social activities; space to house the Ecumenical Chaplaincy of the University; a Reading Room; a Meditation Room or Quiet Space; and Meeting Rooms. The design chosen was by Mark Swindells, a newly qualified architect who

now has his own business as SPE Architecture based in Stourbridge, West Midlands. The vision produced a unique building which from the outside has curved white walls, the meeting spaces, and an impressive wood clad prow like a ship which inside is the Quiet Space. An outside staircase leads to the roof and a garden set with low growing mosses and plants ready for the Summer and outdoor events or a quiet place just to sit and think. Inside the principal rooms are of different heights with a minimum of furniture and no religious artefacts or imagery.

Fundraising

Having decided on a plan the next stage was how to raise the money for this unique project as the University was not able to fund such a venture. The University backed a fundraising campaign which slowly gathered momentum both with faith communities and the people of Derby. The breakthrough came with the involvement of the Millennium Commission which began in 2000 and by the project expanding to include a community dimension. The Commission initially pledged 50% of the project costs which at that time were £2.6m. However, there was still the other 50% to find and that was becoming increasingly difficult, not least of which was the fact that the Millennium Commission had a definitive timescale in which they had to spend their money. At about this time in June 2001 the Centre became a registered charity and began to stand apart from the University – it had autonomy! In September 2001 I moved from being a University employee to the Centre, a very different animal as a voluntary, non-profit making organisation. I came on board with the project and, with the professional team, was involved in the two “value engineering exercises” which took place. This actually meant addressing what we wanted objectively and realistically and then paring down the “wish list” to the essentials and discarding some of the desirables! The result of all of this was to produce a smaller project at a cost of £2m, the Commission would still fund 50% but it meant that there was a smaller amount of co-funding required and that this was more achievable.

Uniqueness

A question often asked is “why Derby?” There is a multitude of answers; firstly the people involved with religious issues in Derby thought of the idea to provide a facility for staff, students and the general public and also Derby is in the centre of the country easily accessible by road, rail and air. The University was prepared to support the idea with the 125 year lease on a

piece of land at a peppercorn rent that is realistically on the University's front lawn! They also support the ongoing project in that the University's Ecumenical Chaplaincy is based in the Centre. The vision of shared spaces open to all, whether of faith or not, adds to the uniqueness of the building.

Operational Issues

The Centre has a Board of Trustees who meet four times a year, an Executive Committee meeting once a month and the Programme Committee meeting bi-monthly. There is a paid staff of three: Centre Director, Fundraising and Development Officer, and an Administrative Assistant / Receptionist, as well as about twenty volunteers who serve on committees and help at events.

Over the years there have been many discussions about how the Centre would operate and it has to be remembered that the Centre is not a place of worship although worship may take place. Shoes, alcohol and food have played their part in the discussions. On the matter of whether the Centre should or should not be a shoeless zone the decision was taken that as the Centre is not a place of worship but a meeting space, shoes would be worn everywhere except in the "Quiet Space". The only exception to this would be if a room had been booked by a group wishing to have prayer when they would, from their religious or cultural standpoint, wish not to wear shoes. The floor covering in the Meeting Spaces is industrial quality vinyl so easy to look after and keep clean! As I write this the Centre is designated to have only vegetarian food and to be an alcohol free zone. However, discussions are taking place around both of these issues as the Centre in operation is different to the Centre on paper! The Centre has to generate income so letting rooms is a logical source of revenue funding. If rooms are let to outside bodies they may request to eat meat and drink alcohol. I have no definitive solution to this dilemma but we are working on it!! The Multi-Faith Centre will not shrink away from difficulties but will work with friends and supporters to resolve issues and problems.

What Do We Do Now?

As you might expect the responsibility for programmes and events is organised by a Committee consisting of people from seven different faith traditions, a Trustee, the Centre Director and the Fundraising and Development Officer.

The Centre has been running weekly events since Autumn 2001; it began with a series which we called “Encountering Religion” and over three years, one night a week, in eight to ten week slots, we have explored the origins and philosophies of seven different faiths and one series called “Further Encounters” which looked at some of the alternative faith based traditions. A series of philosophical lectures entitled “Mind, Matter and God” invited the audience to explore different forms of religious experience in the light of what we know about the world today and more recently “This Week’s Big Question” and “The Female in Religion”. The “Big Question” took a topical or ethical issue and had a debate from two or three faith perspectives, the “Female in Religion” has involved female speakers talking about their roles within their faiths. Using the *Multi-Faith Directory, Religions in the UK*, as a basis for a “World Religions” series we investigated one faith a night per week for nine weeks culminating in a session on inter-faith.

Our monthly lectures/events have included a book launch *Schools, Religion and Public Funding*; a series of evenings on Diversity and Culture within specific religious traditions; an evening of Christian-Muslim Dialogue following the September 11th tragedy; a lunchtime seminar on Christian-Jewish relations; and Music and Meaning – a personal musical journey. Recently the Centre was the venue for one of the Grosseteste Dialogues on the theme of genetics. Along with the newly formed Forum of Faiths for Derby a joint event was held during Holocaust Memorial Week 2005; this followed on from the Centre hosting in the University the Anne Frank lecture in 2003. A very successful event of Asian Music was held by the Centre again in the University when 260 people came to listen to a Sarangi Concert.

The Centre, jointly with the Institute for Social Cohesion, ran a two day conference on “Promoting Positive Social Cohesion” when Fiona MacTaggart came to speak. Additionally, we have held some one day conferences; the first was on the Theology of Don Cupitt and then with the Zoroastrian Community a Zoroastrian Educational Day. We have celebrated festivals jointly with the Sikhs, Hindus, Muslims and Christians of Derby.

On 11th September 2004, only days after the builders had left the site, the Centre threw open its doors to the people of Derby and Derbyshire. Over the time span of four hours 400 people came to look at the Centre, watch and take part in a series of cultural and religious activities.

What We Will Do In The Future

Inevitably we will continue to do more of everything especially those events which have been successful in generating dialogue and interest. For example, after the huge success of the first concert we are to have another Asian Music event on "Thoughts and Beats"; our first Annual Lecture with Bishop Kenneth Cragg will be held on 24th May 2005 when he will talk about "Seven Decades of Christian Islamic Dialogue: Illusion or Reality; what might genuine Meaning-Meeting require of both? " We are planning a conference for June 2005 plus another Open Day for September 2005, as well as the weekly programme for Autumn 2005 and Spring 2006.

Areas that we have already identified as needing further engagement are with women and young people. " The Female in Religion" series has started to address some issues for women and we have secured a small amount of money to do some research with regard to young people and their feelings and perceptions of inter-faith dialogue. The hope is to organise with the young people a one day conference where their voice can be heard as, so often with religion, it is the "elders" who have the opportunity to speak.

Our website <http://www.multifaithnet.org> has been updated and will continue to advertise and promote the work of the Centre, as will the twice yearly newsletter which is distributed across the UK to members and supporters of the Centre. Even though we have support from a wide variety of individuals, trusts and faith communities, fundraising will continue to be a way of life for the Centre. We need now to raise £50k as we had an overspend on the building costs and, in order for the work of the Centre to grow, we will continue to need revenue funding.

Someone once said to me that there was no point in any form of inter faith dialogue until the faiths themselves sort out their own internal problems! My view to this was if we wait that long we might as well not begin. But should we cross boundaries both in the faiths and between faiths? You might have some views on that, feel free to share them with me as we journey along this road with many supporters and helpers.

All citizens whatever their faith or of no faith would wish to build a better future for the generations to come and one way of doing this is through education about other faiths, looking at similar and differing points of view and working at respect and understanding. New initiatives bring with them a number of challenges for people. If we are to live together in peace and

harmony it can only work when we know more about each other; understand, respect and value our differences and acknowledge our common humanity.

This project has been a culmination of work between seven faith traditions working together with a common aim and purpose to build a Centre of neutral spaces which can be used for education, dialogue and discussion. My wish is that this might be a blue-print for other Multi-Faith Centres to spring up around the UK. However, in all this fluidity one thing is certain it won't be easy and we won't always get it right but at least we can say we tried!

¹ *Bulletin of ABTAPL* Vol. 5, No. 2, June 1998, pp. 25 - 33

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THE ISLAMIC FOUNDATION LIBRARY : CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN 2005

By Jasmine Ansari

Background

The Islamic Foundation Library began as a small private collection in 1977 in the city of Leicester. In 1985 the Islamic Foundation moved its offices to the Markfield Conference Centre, in the heart of rural Leicestershire. It was here that the collections began to grow alongside the Foundation's reputation as a centre for research and academic work in Islamic studies. During the early years the Library was mainly used by staff and visiting scholars. The main thrust of the work in the Library was the production of the quarterly bibliographical index on Islam and related areas. In later years the index was incorporated into *The Muslim World Book Review*. The first Librarian to be appointed by the Foundation was Mr Azmatullah Khan from Leicester, who was a keen indexer as well as a subject specialist in Islamic economics. During his term as Librarian, the Library acquired many books, conference proceedings and journals in economics, including the Foundation's numerous publications on Islamic economics and banking.

From the nineties onwards, the collections have been housed in a purpose-built building under the Directorship of Dr Manazir Ahsan and the support of the Board of Trustees. The new building occupies two floors, with a staff area and car park. The funding for the building has been largely donated by the IDB (Islamic Development Bank) in Jeddah as well as individual benefactors. The building has an Indic language section, audio-visual unit and a documentation room, as well as a quiet study area for research. It was not until 1998 that a Library system, Heritage IV from IS Oxford, was purchased and the Library catalogue was automated.

In September 2000, the Markfield Institute of Higher Education (MIHE) was incorporated into the Foundation, and the Library was again in the forefront of change. The MIHE offers taught and researched programmes in Islamic studies as well as Islamic Banking. During this period a professionally qualified Librarian was appointed to help develop the Library and introduce reader services. The old stock was revised and new books were purchased in other areas of knowledge, including pluralism, philosophy, women's studies, politics and government. The core

collection in the Library is in Islamic studies, though other areas, particularly in the social sciences, have increased in the past five years.

The Collections

The Library's holdings cover a broad range of material on Islam and related subjects, both of an academic and general nature, which are all housed under one roof. The Library collections support the research activities of the Foundation in creating an awareness and developing a better understanding of Islam in Britain and the rest of the world. It also supports the information needs of academic staff and students of the MIHE.

The Library's resources include reference materials, special collections, journals and an Arabic section. The Library catalogue has 27,000 records on the system. One fifth of the Library's holdings are not entered on the catalogue system run on Heritage, though retrospective cataloguing is ongoing. Below is a brief description of some of the special collections held in the Library.

Slides

The Library inherited 4,000 slides from the Audio-Visual unit of the Islamic Foundation in 1996. The slide collection was built up between 1980 and 1990. The aim of the unit was to acquire audio-visual resources on Islam and the Muslim world. Where there were gaps in the collections, slides were purchased from overseas especially India and the USA. A subject index was maintained manually from the beginning with details of slide/ serial number, title, and supplier/producer. Some of the slides were accompanied by notes and cassettes. The slides covered subjects of local, regional interest: Eid-ul-Fitr festival (Leicester, 1988), Sparkbrook Mosque (Birmingham), Muslim Friday prayers (Leicester), Salman Rushdie march (London, 1989). From a local history perspective the slides convey information about the Muslim communities in Britain through images of mosques, madrassas, and religious and social events. Other topics covered in the collection include nature, science, human biology and astronomy. The unit provided educational programme kits for local schools and Religious Education units in 1988-89. All the slides are 35mm and mounted in sleeves; they are housed in specially constructed wooden cabinets with rolling drawers.

The slides are of importance to researchers as they provide another dimension of Muslim communities both in Britain and other parts of the world. They cover important mosques from Indonesia, Spain, India, Palestine and Turkey. The collection is a significant contribution to research in understanding Islamic culture and civilization through images. The slides are a secondary source of information, which collaborate with the research work in the Foundation on Muslims in Britain and Europe.

Urdu Literature

The Urdu collection started in 1981. To-date the section has 3,500 books, including 50 sets of bound/unbound journal volumes, theses, and encyclopaedic works. The collection has some rare and out-of-print items which are only available in the Urdu language, including unique material on the pre-Indo-Pak partition era. Urdu is one of the most widely read languages in the Indo-Pak Subcontinent and the section has an important Qur'an and Hadith Studies area which is used by members of the local community. The collection is an important source of research for bilingual scholars who use both the English and Urdu collections. The subjects covered in the Urdu section complement the English collection related to Islam and the Muslim world.

The collection is in the process of being retrospectively catalogued on the Library system. The retrospective cataloguing project for the Urdu material is funded from a grant awarded by the British Library in November 2004. We have successfully completed Phase 1 of the project, which was the enabling of Urdu cataloguing on Heritage. Keytempo Ltd. advised us to install a phonetic keyboard, which would allow us to type Urdu characters in Heritage and which is also compatible with Microsoft Windows 2000. We were pleased with the results though we expected some problems. We had difficulty in saving one of the Urdu characters on the Unipad phonetic keyboard and we were advised by Keytempo to replace the character with another interchangeable letter. Initially, we were unsure if circulation tasks and reports could be produced in Urdu. We are now issuing and renewing books in Urdu on Heritage, though we have not attempted to produce reports as yet. In Phase 2, the Urdu records will be made accessible on the online catalogue linked to the Islamic Foundation website (<http://www.islamic-foundation.org.uk>).

**Reprint Collection of *The Crescent* and *The Islamic World*, 1895,
edited by W. H. Abdullah Quilliam**

The Quilliam collection was gifted to the Islamic Foundation Library in 2003 from a private collector, Professor Saleh Al-Samarrai, King Abdul-Aziz University. There are 31 volumes, 47 copies, from 1893-1908 of *The Crescent*, a weekly record of Islam in England, edited by W.H. Abdullah Quilliam. The journal represents Muslims in England between 1893 and 1908. It covers different subjects in each issue ranging from politics to literature and Islam to cultural studies. Quilliam was among the first English Muslim scholars to publicly debate issues arising from the Muslim world and to engage in dialogue with his fellow countrymen through his speeches and publications. The journal was published in Liverpool and had a big impact in Britain as well as the Muslim world. Some of the topics and titles contained in the journal are as follows:

Topic: Islam :	“The fundamental doctrines of Islam” “The philosophy of pilgrimage”
History:	“A Moor’s experiences in London” “The Armenians and their religion”
Sociology:	“Alcohol and the Nation” “The marriageable age”
Inter-faith:	“Jewish appreciation of the Sheikh’s lecture in Glasgow”
Cultural Studies:	“Native customs of Africa”

***The Islamic World*, 1895 (6v.)**

The Islamic World was published in the late 19th century and it covers topics on the Muslim world and Muslims living in the West. The *Islamic World* readership was aimed at the wider public and it had a magazine format. These journals are among the few primary resource materials available on early Muslims in Britain. These unique documents are a historic record of the situation of Islam and a growing convert community in British colonial times. The collections are of great value to researchers and they support the book material held in the Library. The issues are bound together by softback paper binding. The journals are going to be scanned onto CD rom, with a simple keyword index, this year. The purpose of digitising the collection is to preserve it from wear and tear, and also make it more accessible to the public.

Co-operation with Other Libraries

The Library has been a member of Middle East Libraries Committee, UK (MELCOM) since 2000. MELCOM provides a forum to meet and exchange ideas with librarians, booksellers and academics concerned with material in the Middle East and the Muslim world. Librarians meet twice a year, and they have the opportunity to view orientalist collections held by member libraries, like the Mingana Collection which is held in the Orchard Learning Resource Centre, University of Birmingham.

In 2002, the Islamic Foundation Library invited Paul Auchterlonie, Librarian of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Exeter and Chairman of MELCOM, to deliver a workshop on online and printed resources in Middle Eastern Studies. As a result of this workshop, students and staff from MIHE became familiar with the Arab Documentation unit of Exeter University which specialises in documentation from the Gulf region.

The Islamic Foundation Library continues to develop ties with local library bodies such as East Midlands Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (EMMLAC) and Library and Information East Midlands (formerly EMRLS). The Library has recently co-operated with EMRLS in partnership with other libraries in the DiadEM project for cataloguing and mapping collections in the East Midlands.

In order to make the Library and its unique collection known to librarians, researchers and local students, the Library organises an Open Day each year. In July 2004, the Library invited both local and academic librarians to attend an exhibition of Islamic calligraphy and a slide presentation of the early Muslim contribution to science and astronomy. The main highlight of the day was a talk by Dr. Isa Waley from the British Library who spoke about "Manuscripts and their role in research". The next Open Day is planned for this summer, and we look forward to inviting members of ABTAPL.

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FORUM OF ASIAN THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIANS (FORATL): A BRIEF HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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The Beginning

Founded in Chiang Mai, Thailand in 1991, ForATL has always concerned itself with the development of Asian library collections and the support of librarians. Under the auspices of the Programme for Theology & Cultures in Asia (PTCA), theological librarians from Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, and Thailand met on May 21-26, 1991, at McGilvary Faculty of Theology, Chiang Mai, Thailand. The meeting, called the Consultation of Asian Theological Librarians, was initiated and organized by the PTCA librarian, Rita M. England. Fourteen founding members from nine countries participated in the Consultation. The Consultation was recognized and approved by Asian senior theologians. Being part of the PTCA, which emphasizes the use of Asian theological resources, the group agreed that theological librarians in Asia should work closely with seminary professors to make Asian materials for doing contextual theology easily available.

The Consultation elected a core group of four to work with the PTCA librarian. The core included two Faculty members, Dr. Huang Po Ho (Tainan Theological College and Seminary, Taiwan) and Dr. Joseph Patmury (United Theological College, Bangalore, India), and two librarians to wit Ms. Lau Jen Sin (Trinity Theological College, Singapore), Mr. Karmito (Duta Wacana Christian University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia). The core group was formed to implement the decisions made. They held their first meeting in Singapore in October 1991 to highlight and work out some of the ForATL initiatives, such as:

- A Master's Degree Course in Theological Librarianship under the SEAGST programme (located in Manila)
- A Network of the theological librarians in Asia
- A Directory of Asian Theological Libraries
- Guidelines for Asian Theological Librarians

The second meeting of the ForATL Core Group members was held in the Philippines in July 1992. It was decided that ForATL would become an independent organization, working out its programme and activities independently of PTCA. The group also called for national workshops for theological librarians, emphasizing the development of Asian resources, to

be held in India (October 1992), the Philippines (November 1992), and Australia/New Zealand (July 1993).

The second ForATL Consultation and Workshop, hosted by the Library of Duta Wacana Christian University, was held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, October 17–23, 1997. The Consultation was funded by Asia-regional sources. The Consultation and Workshop focused on the theme, “Creativity and Partnership: Resourcing Asian Theological Libraries,” and was attended by 20 participants, including representatives from Australia, India, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand-Aotearoa, Republic of the Philippines, Taiwan, and the host country. An Executive Committee was elected for the period of 1997-2003.

In March 1998 the ForATL Executive Committee met in Taipei, at Taiwan Theological College and Seminary. As a result, the continuing agenda of ForATL was confirmed, and plans were made to implement this.

Work has continued on the revision/extension of the Directory, and ForATL has assisted with the establishment of the Asia-wide Training Course for theological librarians (Hong Kong 1998 & 2000, co-ordinated by Mr. Tang Sui Tung at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Shatin, Hong Kong), and the publication of the Manual for theological librarians in Asia (*Ministering Asian Faith and Wisdom: A Manual for Theological Librarians in Asia*, edited by Rita and John England)¹.

Few other activities have been possible in the last two years due to the removal of two executive members from the region, illness, and national disturbances. The ForATL Committee was reconstituted and enlarged, retaining the original Convener and those members able to continue.

With the help of Ecumenical Theological Education (ETE) Asia-Pacific Consultant of the World Council of Churches and the Executive Director of the Association for Theological Education in South East Asia (ATESEA), a third Consultation was held in Bangkok (at Student Christian Center), Thailand, February 18-23, 2003, to consolidate the organization of ForATL and to identify and work on achieving its objectives.

It needs to be said that before, during, and even after the Bangkok meeting, much work was carried out, particularly to prepare for the coming agendas of Group Librarians Training in Archives to be held in Bangalore, in June 1-30, 2004.

It was assumed that training on mission and church archives is not only important for individual churches, but also essential for preserving the Asian church. In the context of Asian theological seminaries, most theological librarians are also archivists in practice, and thus have taken on a lot of responsibilities.

Membership

The majority of our members are librarians working in theological libraries; however, the membership is not confined to professional librarians. Any practicing librarian or anyone who has an interest in theology or any person committed to the development of Asian resources or Asian theological studies may join the Forum. Institutional members are represented by their librarian or appointee. Members are requested to share information about publications on theology and cultures in their areas. Members receive copies of occasional ForATL newsletters and are kept in touch with matters concerning Asian resources and theological library development.

Aims and Activities

The aims of ForATL are:

1. To facilitate the development and exchange of resources for theology in the Asian context.
2. To encourage and support the formation of:
 - a. National Theological Library Associations
 - b. National Depositories of Christian Literature
 - c. Union Listings, Directory of Asian Theological Libraries Guidelines, Indexes, Bibliographies, etc., for publication
3. To promote cooperation among, and training of, theological librarians
4. To arrange short-term courses and workshops
5. To develop an Asia-wide network of theological libraries

Publications

1. *Directory of Asian Theological Libraries, 1992-1993*. [Yogyakarta]: ForATL, 1993.
2. *Directory of Asian Theological Libraries and Who's Who in ForATL 2002*. Edited by: Cahyana E. Purnama and Karmito. Yogyakarta: Nafiri Offset & ForATL, 2002.

3. *ForATL Newsletter* published twice a year, editor in charge Ms. Christabel Wong (Email: christabel@seminary-stm.com.my), now available online at <http://www.geocities.com/foratl>

Discussion List

ForATL also has a free online discussion list for all its members who have access to email. Details and information can be found by accessing the Electronic mailing list at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/foratl>

Web Site

<http://www.geocities.com/foratl>

Concluding Remarks

ForATL is one channel where 'Asian Resources and Theological Library Development' is seen to be taking place. Precisely because of this, ForATL deserves all the support and prayer it needs.

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REVIEW

FOSTER, Wendy and FOSTER, Gill. *Canal Boatmen's Missions. Railway and Canal History Society, 2004. ISBN 0901461539.*

Canal Boatmen's Missions traces the history and, in particular, the social history of missions, so-called floating chapels and other such institutes which emerged in England during the early part of the nineteenth century. The growth of Evangelicalism in the Church emerges as one of the main themes in the book. Itinerant preachers took the gospel to the canal people as a means to expand the work of missions. The missions themselves first started to appear in the late 1820s and continued in various forms until their gradual decline in the second half of the twentieth century with the onset of increased railroad usage. While the aim of the missions was to provide canal people with places of worship they also helped, directly and indirectly, to improve the social and moral welfare of boatmen's families.

The book has been extensively researched using a wealth of sources ranging from census reports to posters and magazine advertisements. These advertisements promoted programmes of activities for families, some of which are reproduced in the book along with photographs, drawings and maps. Census returns in themselves prove interesting. One instance shows increased attendance at religious services between 1828 and 1835, quite early in mission history. Fiction of the day is also mentioned and the authors point out that in L. T. Meade's *The Water Gypsies*, as with other titles, boatmen are commonly cast in the role of the heathen. The end result is a detailed and rich picture of religious, working and family life on the canals during that time.

The book comes complete with a good index, extensive footnotes and references and a comprehensive gazetteer of missions, chapels and institutes which gives dates when individual missions were in existence, as well as providing geographical locations via map references.

Canal Boatmen's Missions is written in a style which makes it accessible for the enthusiast as well as those with a passing interest in local history or canals in general. However, the level of research as mentioned above, and extensive references, make it a useful reference work in itself for serious study.

The book was published by the Railway and Canal Historical Society (RCHS) in 2004, and its publication (along with one other book published

simultaneously by the Society) marks the 200th anniversary of a full load pulled by steam. It also coincides with the 50th anniversary of the RCHS.

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REPORT OF A THEOLOGICAL WORKSHOP ON HIV- AND AIDS-RELATED STIGMA

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS has recently published the *Report of a Theological Workshop Focusing on HIV- and AIDS-related Stigma*. 62 leading academic theologians from Christian traditions were invited to participate in the workshop which was held in Windhoek, Namibia in December 2003.

The full text of all the UNAIDS documents are available on their website at [http:// www.unaid.org](http://www.unaid.org)

The specific link for the Windhoek meeting document is http://www.unaids.org/NetTools/Misc/DocInfo.aspx?LANG=en&href=http://GVA-DOC-OWL/WEBcontent/Documents/pub/Publications/IRC-pub06/JC1056_Theological-Report_en.pdf

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NEWS AND NOTES

American Theological Library Association

The following titles will be added to the ATLASerials (ATLAS) online collection of major religion and theology journals: *Biblical Interpretation, Christianity Today, Currents in Theology and Mission, Dialogue and Alliance, First Things, Journal of Religious Thought, Religion in the News, Theology Today*. For more information, visit <http://www.atla.com/>

Copyright Workshop

The Copyright Circle will hold a workshop at the Thistle Bloomsbury Hotel, Bloomsbury Way, London WC1A 2SD on Wednesday 8th June 2005 (9.30 – 16.30) cost £160.00. Contact Graham Cornish, 33 Mayfield Grove, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG1 5HD. Tel/fax: 01423 529928. Email: Graham@copyrightcircle.co.uk Website <http://www.copyrightcircle.co.uk>

Designing Libraries Database

A pilot website (<http://www.designinglibraries.org.uk>) which provides an insight into the best new, extended and refurbished public library buildings has been granted the funds from the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) to go live. There are currently 32 library projects listed on the website and the Designing Libraries team from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, who created the pilot site, are now expanding the database to include good examples of library design, both UK and overseas, from 1995 to the present. They are also working on providing fuller descriptions of projects and adding links to key information.

Digitisation

The internet company Google is working with the libraries of the universities of Oxford, Michigan, Stanford, Harvard, and the New York Public Library to digitise part of their collections and make them available on-line.

Exhibitions

"Illuminating Faith: Art and Culture from the Middle East" is an exhibition at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery from 12th February to 19th June 2005. Displays include items from the Southall Collection of Palestinian Costume and manuscripts from the Mingana Collection. Originally housed at Woodbrooke College, then in the Selly Oak Colleges Central Library, the Mingana Collection is now held by Birmingham University. See *Bulletin of ABTAPL* Vol. 7, No. 2, June 2000, pp. 11-14.

The Jewish Museum, London has an exhibition from 23rd March to 21st August 2005 entitled "Closing the Door? Immigrants to Britain 1905-2005" on the history of immigration since the 1905 Aliens Act. For more information see <http://www.jewishmuseum.org.uk>

Journals

The Arts and Humanities Research Board announced in January that it was to compile a "top-ten" list of the best academic journals in order to establish new performance measures for arts and humanities research. After widespread protests, the Board postponed the plans.

Librarians' Christian Fellowship

LCF's Annual Conference (on the theme "Faith, Fact and Fiction") will be held on 23rd April 2005 in the Methodist Central Hall, Coventry. Contact Graham Hedges, tel: 020 8599 1310, email: secretary@librarianscf.org.uk or see the website at <http://www.librarianscf.org.uk>.

Library and Information Show 2005

The Show will be held at the NEC, near Birmingham, on 20th and 21st April. See <http://www.lishow.co.uk>

People

Gordon Harris, formerly Director of the Orchard Learning Resources Centre, Birmingham University, has been appointed as Senior Corporate Information Officer for Tearfund.

Publications

A new edition of *Guidelines for Colleges: recommendations for learning resources* has been published by Facet Publishing, edited by Andrew Eynon for the CILIP Colleges of Further and Higher Education Group. ISBN 1-85604-551-X; £19.95 (£15.96 to CILIP Members). The guidelines cover general FE colleges, specialist colleges and sixth form colleges. Further information at <http://www.facetpublishing.co.uk> or contact the Sales Department on 020 7255 0594. Email Mailto:info@facetpublishing.co.uk.

Religion in England and Wales: findings from the 2001 Home Office Citizenship Survey by Maria O'Beirne has been published as the Home Office Research Study no 274. ISBN 1844731804.

St. Andrews Studies in Philosophy and Public Affairs is a new series edited by John Haldane. Published by Imprint Academic, it is expected to include

monographs, collections of essays and occasional anthologies of source material . See <http://www.imprint-academic.com/standrews>

Research

Kim Knott, Professor of Religious Studies at Leeds University, has been appointed as Director of the research programme "Diasporas, Migration and Identities", funded by Arts and Humanities Research Board.

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTERS & OTHER PERIODICALS RECEIVED

Copies of the following have been sent to Marion Smith, Editor of the *Bulletin*.

American Theological Library Association *Annual Report* September 2003 to August 2004 and *Newsletters* Vol. 52, no. 1, November 2004 and Vol. 52, no. 2, February 2005. The latter includes a report on RLIT (the Latin American Theological Information Network)

Association des Bibliothèques Chrétiennes de France *Bulletin de Liaison*, No. 128, February 2005.

Associazione dei Bibliotecari Ecclesiastici Italiani *Bollettino di Informazione* No. 3, 2004.

Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association *Newsletter* No. 54, December 2004. Includes ANZTLA statistics for 2003 and a note of useful websites on 13-digit ISBNs

Centre Informatique et Bible (Maredsous, Belgium) *Interface* December 2004. Contains details of French Bibles on the internet.

Librarians' Christian Fellowship *Newsletter* Winter 2004 and Spring 2005

WEBSITES

4WRD – FOR THE WORLD RESOURCE DISTRIBUTORS

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13 DIGIT ISBNS

<http://www.isbn-international.org/en/revision.html>

<http://www.ariadne.ac.uk/issue41/chapman/>

DESIGNING LIBRARIES DATABASE

<http://www.designinglibraries.org.uk>

FOCUS ON RELIGION <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/focuson/religion/>

INDIAN THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY GROUP

http://www.geocities.com/itla_in/home.html

ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

<http://www.islamic-foundation.org.uk>

LANGHAM INTERNATIONAL

<http://www.langhampartnership.org/literature>

Distribute books at discount and fund authors from the 'majority world' countries to write books on theological issues

MULTI-FAITH CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF DERBY

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WORLD CONGRESS OF FAITHS

<http://worldfaiths.org>