# T. F. TORRANCE FELLOWSHIP WEBSITE: fashioning a hub for an academic community

Please complete the Web Survey at tftorrance.org

Survey #1: Why do you go to the T. F. Torrance Fellowship website?

1. Why do you go to the T.F. Torrance Fellowship website?

Rate the following from 1 to 4 (4 being high) according to how important they have been to you over the past few years: 2 4

To Follow announcements throughout the year

To access Participatio issues and articles

To learn about the annual meeting

To make a donation

To gain information that facilitates my research

To learn about other members

To find media resources such as online audio/video

Other:

## Survey #2: How might the website improve with respect to the following?

Please leave us any comments that you think might help us plan and prioritize.

- Announcements?
- Participatio access?
- Annual meeting information?
- Donations?
- Research tools?
  - Member directory?
  - Online media resources?
  - Other:



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	2. How might the website improve with respect to the following?  Please leave us any comments that
- 1	and prioritize.
	Announcements
Part	ticipatio access?
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## Survey #3: What features or enhancements might enable the website to serve as a hub for an academic community? Rate the following from 1 to 4 (4 being high)

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ABSTRACT: The following essay is a reader's guide to the publications of Thomas F. Torrance. The essay covers both primary and secondary literature in relation to all of the main themes of Torrance's theology and also his life. Since Torrance's publications include more than six hundred items, this essay is introductory and adressed primarily to those just beginning to read the works of Thomas F. Torrance.

- 3.1. **Member directory:** with affiliations, location, recent publications. *Please* complete a Member Profile web form.
- 3.2. Calendar: TFT Fellowship events; member-sponsored events; and related events submitted by members & hosted by other institutions / societies.
- 3.3. Outreach: Orientation aids for researchers new to the Torrance tradition such as biographical (below) and bibliographical (*left*) introductions.

New (left): Elmer M. Colyer, "An Introductory Reader's Guide to the Published Works of T. F. Torrance" (tftorrance.org/ec). The Reader's Guide is reproduced with the kind permission of *Participatio*: The Journal of the Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship. It appeared in Supplement 1 (2011): 38-63.



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#### **TORRANCE'S LIFE & ACHIEVEMENT**

We did not stop at Guanshien but skirted round it and crossed over the main course of the Min river by a wide new bridge that was still being constructed, and then turned left on to the road winding through the steep awesome gorges of the Minvalley. The road leads on to Songpan County and where the giant Panda Reserve is located about 265 kilometers from Chengdu. . . . The road up the left bank of the Min was very broken and very rough, for here and there the surface had been churned up by floods and was even washed away at places. . . . Every now and then we had to negotiate a landslide, so travel slow and up and down. Unfortunately after about ten kilometers or so, we hit a rock which holed the sump, so that all the oil leaked out,



**MISSION** 

A distinctively Christian research organization devoted to the exploration, development, and dissemination of the theology of Thomas F. Torrance and other theologians contributing to this endeavor. Continued...

## Survey, continued: 3.4 - Primary sources bibliography

(includes chapter-level entries, different editions, online resources, media and other formats)

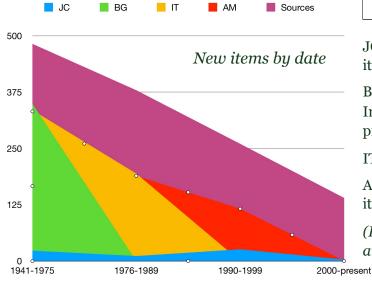
Scope: The Sources bibliography includes all known publications of Thomas F. Torrance, James B. Torrance, and David W. Torrance (more than 1,380 references at present).

#### **Torrance Bibliographies**

The T. F. Torrance Theological Fellowship provides two downloadable bibliographies, one of Torrance *Sources* and the other of Torrance *Studies*. They are research tools to promote scholarship related to the Torrance tradition. Citations from these bibliographies may be copied into word processing documents or imported into bibliographic management software without requiring laborious data entry, proofing, or manual formatting. Bibliography searches may reveal additional relevant information, including the original setting or relations between publications, or the existence of reprints or translations. (See <u>The Sources Bibliography as a Research Tool</u>).

We intend to maintain these online bibliographies with future updates including reprints, new editions and translations, and an ever-increasing body of secondary literature. Both bibliographies are open-ended by their very nature. They are collaborative projects which represent the ongoing input of Fellowship members.

New entries since 1999 include posthumous editions, media and online resources. New entries before 1999 include additional editions; chapter entries for every title in its first printed (or first verified) edition to facilitate publication life-cycle cross-references, notes and tags; and items discovered through searching digital databases (such as ATLA). Incorporates original McGrath numbers (unchanged) in a revised and openended numbering scheme.



#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We particularly thank Alister McGrath for permission to base the *Sources* bibliography on the most comprehensive and authoritative bibliography to date, published in *T. F. Torrance:* An *Intellectual Biography* (1999). In the *Sources* bibliography, 633 "McGrath numbers" are indicated for each item as assigned in McGrath's biography. New "McGrath numbers" are created for items not included there.

Also of inestimable help is the careful and thorough bibliography published by Iain R. Torrance, "A Bibliography of the Writings of Thomas F. Torrance, 1941-1989," *Scottish Journal of Theology* 43 (1990): 225-262. We especially thank James Chaousis for compiling "The Works of James B. Torrance," a bibliography posted here on the website of the Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship. James continues to serve as the main bibliographer for the works and papers of J.B.T. We thank the compilers of numerous other bibliographies, citations to which we have included in the *Sources* bibliography, marked with a "Bibliography" tag. We have checked their bibliographies against the *Sources* bibliography to ensure a greater degree of accuracy and comprehensiveness.

Most especially, we thank you, the members of the Torrance Theological Fellowship, for your feedback and input to maintain these bibliographies as research tools to catalyze scholarship and promote the mission of the Fellowship. Send corrections, additions, and comments to the bibliography editors at <a href="webmaster@tftorrance.org">webmaster@tftorrance.org</a>. We have made and are continuing to make every effort to check and verify each citation against a physical and/or digital copy of the work. Let us know if you can verify any item on our <a href="www.wanted.ist">wanted List</a>.

JC = James Chaousis (#2004-JC). JBT. 1950-2000. 63 items.

BG = Bryan Gray (#1976-BG). 1941-1975. 349 items. Includes reprints, some chapter refs., and some items privately circulated.

IT = Iain Torrance (#1990-IRT). 1941 to 1989. 529 items.

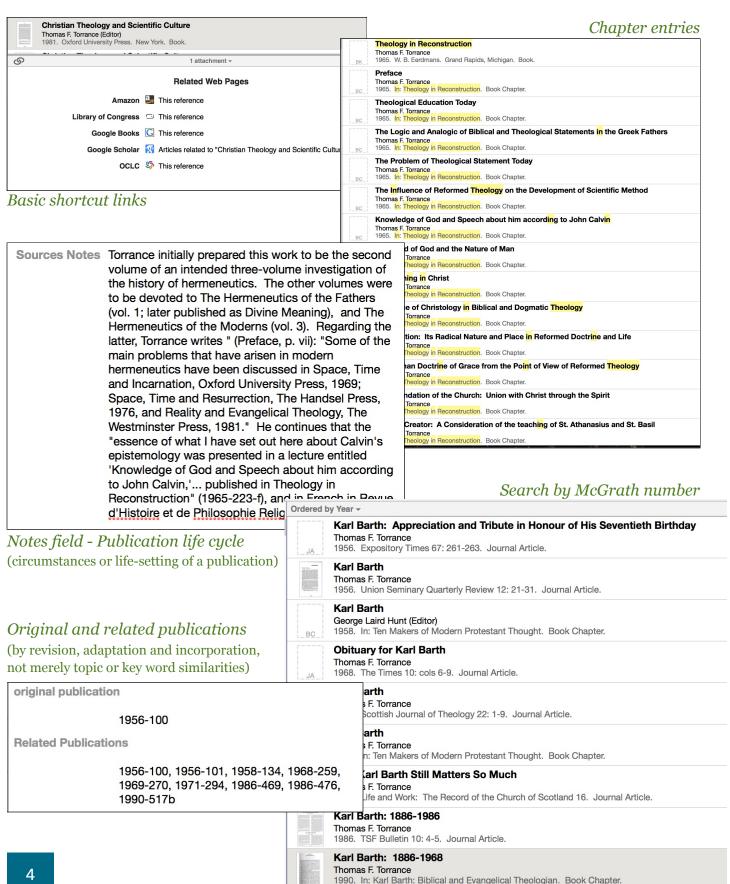
AM = Alister McGrath (#1999-AM-1e). 1941 to 1999. 637 items (633 original, some now split for convenience).

(IT and AM were based upon a bibliography created and maintained by Thomas F. Torrance.)

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### The Sources bibliography as a research tool

http://www.tftorrance.org/bibTool.php (screenshots from bibliographic software)



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Thomas F. Torrance, "Divine and Contingent Order," in The Sciences and Theology in the Twentieth Century, ed. Arthur R. Peacocke (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1981), 81-97.

functionality now in bibliographic software is being built-in to the Fellowship website Note: Italics support in some fields was not supported when these screenshots were taken, but is now implemented. Additionally, at present, some of the functions described above work as described only in the the offline software library versions of the bibliographies. An online deployment of the Sources and Studies bibliographies is currently in development (using Drupal 8) that will enhance the capabilities of the combined bibliographies as a research tool. We hope to implement, for example, support for members to submit comments and recollections (with member attribution) that are appropriate for the Notes field, which describes the life-cycle or original life-setting of any publication. The Sources bibliography is the first step in a longer-term transformation of the Torrance Fellowship website toward the goal of creating a research hub for members and in service to other scholars, facilitating "deep dives" into the Torrance corpus while also orienting scholars new to the Torrance tradition. We welcome your input and assistance.

al offering of downloadable *Sources* s a practical place to begin.

#### **Call for Materials**

Do you have an unpublished, obscure or hard-to-locate item related to Thomas F. Torrance, James B. Torrance, or David W. Torrance? We are collecting and gathering materials in any format, including:

- 1. Audio or video recordings
- 2. Original correspondence
- 3. Newspaper or newsletter articles
- 4. Course or lecture handouts
- 5. Photographs
- 6. Obscure or hard-to-locate publications

If you contact us about an item, let us kno online, or whether you have it in your poss items will be added to the Sources and Stu facilitate discovery by future scholars. The bibliography project includes materials of a bibliographic entry for any given item contawell as all the information we can gather a setting. If copyright does not prevent redis resource file will be attached to the bibliographic

For more info on the bibliographies, check out these pages:

#### **BIBLIOGRAPHY LINKS:**

**Bibliographies Home** 

**Development of the Sources Bibliography** 

The Sources Bibliography as a Research Tool (you are here)

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Bibliographies Wanted List

Send new materials, corrections, and comments to the bibliography editors at <a href="webmaster@tftorrance.org">webmaster@tftorrance.org</a>. Also let us know if you can provide or verify any item on our <a href="webmaster@tftorrance.org">Wanted List</a>.

(BG, IT, and AM refer to classic bibliographies of T. F. Torrance)

- 1. Thomas F. Torrance, "The Place of the Humanity of Christ in the Sacramental Life of the Church," *Church Service Society Annual* 26 (1956): 3-10; #1956-105
- Revision status field: Not pages 129-134, as in IT and AM (transposed from *The Meaning of Baptism*). Starts on p. 3, not p. 1 as in BG.
  - [IT and AM both indicate pages 129-134, which are transposed from the adjacent record for *The Meaning of Baptism*. Yet BG indicates it starts on p. 1. From independent inspection we can confirm that it starts on p. 3. So BG is close, but not exact, while the two later bibliographies repeat the same transposition error.]
- 2. Thomas F. Torrance, "A Comment on the New Morality," *Light and Salt*, new vol. 2, no. 1 (1964): 17-20; #1964-212
- Notes field: Special number on the debate over John A. T. Robinson's book, "Honest to God." Contributors include: James Ma; Franklin Sherman; J. W. C. Wand; F. A. Cockin; Thomas F. Torrance; Christopher Stead; John A. T. Robinson; Po Chü-i. Cover: "Spring issue 1964." 35 pages.
- Revision status field: BG, IT, and AM have an incorrect journal, volume and year: "Common Factor 2 (1964)." The title and page numbers are correct, but the publication appeared in a different journal, volume and year. This error likely arose in TFT's bibliography, as a common source, by a transposition from the next item, "John Calvin's Values for Today."
- 3. Thomas F. Torrance, "Memorandum on Orthodox/Reformed Relations," *Ekklesia kai Theologia*, I (1980): 197-205; #1980-379a. AND: Thomas F. Torrance, "Memorandum on Orthodox/Reformed Discussions," *Ekklesia kai Theologia*, I (1980): 206-211; #1980-379b.
- Revision status field: McGrath and Iain Torrance both notate this item (1980-379) as "Memoranda A & B," with No. 1 on pp. 197-205 and No. 2 on pp. 337-345. The pp. 337-345 appears to be a line transcription error, transposing the pages for the article by the same title from the previous year in *The Reformed World* (1979-361). Nor are the two memoranda here titled A or B; see Sources Note below.
- Notes field: The first memorandum is on "Orthodox/Reformed Relations" and the second is on "Orthodox/Reformed Discussions." Both titles are prefixed by "World Alliance of Reformed Churches Official WARC Delegation to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Istanbul, 26-30 July, 1979." The memoranda are reprinted as "Memorandum A" and "Memorandum B" in Theological Dialogue between Orthodox and Reformed Churches, ed. Thomas F. Torrance (Edinburgh: Scottish Academic Press, 1985), vol. 1, 3-18 (1985-459c).
- Related Sources: 1979-361, 1980-379a, 1980-379b, 1985-459c, 1985-453, 1985-459c, 1992-546
- 4. Thomas F. Torrance, "Bonhoeffer: Myth or Man of Destiny," *The Scotsman*, May 28 (1966): p. 3, cols. 1-8; #1966-240
- Revision status field: Columns 1-8 (BG), not 1-3 (IT, AM). Actual title is not "Bonhoeffer's Christology," but "Bonhoeffer: Myth or Man of Destiny."

Survey #3, *continued*: What features or enhancements might enable the website to serve as a hub for an academic community?

#### 3.5. Studies bibliography

- Cross-references between the secondary Studies and primary Sources entries.
- Cross-references with the Member Directory (please complete your member profile)
- Includes online media and other resources.
- Basis for "Recent publications" and "Member publications" notices
- **3.6.** Member annotations to submit comments and recollections (with attribution) that are appropriate for the Notes field describing the life-cycle or original life-setting of any publication.

What secondary studies are most important to your work?

When Fellowship members enter a secondary study into the Studies bibliography, we help other scholars discover them and save them time in data entry and formatting.

The Studies bibliography is being designed for long-term collaborative input. Although it is now far the smaller of the two, it may eventually grow to be larger than the Sources library.

Entering records into the Studies bibliography will help members discover other members. Eventually, the Studies bibliography will generate rolling lists of recent and member publications. Publications by any Fellowship member will appear in that member's page in the membership directory.

Please enter your publications related to the Torrance tradition using the Publication web form.

3.7. Other:	????

How quickly any of our goals may be achieved is unclear; there is no set timeframe. To make headway as we are able toward these long-term goals is our objective for the coming year. Your input will help us better plan and prioritize.

Please go to <u>tftorrance.org</u> and complete the online forms for the Web Survey, the Member Profile, and Publications.

Kerry Magruder, Brent Purkaple, Gary Deddo webmaster@tftorrance.org

#### MEMBER PROFILE: T. F. Torrance Theological Fellowship

Please complete your Member Profile at tftorrance.org

#### 1. Basic information

- Name:
- Title:
- Institutional affiliation:
- Mailing street address 1:
- Mailing street address 2:
- City:
- State or Province:
- Country:
- Postal code:
- Institutional website:

- Denominational affiliation:
- · Highest degree earned:
- Member email address:
- Member website:
- Twitter:
- · Linked In:
- · Facebook:
- Other social media:
- Do you agree with the mission of the TFTTF?

- Are you now, or have you been, an officer in the T. F. Torrance Fellowship? (Please provide years of service, if applicable)
- Is your CV online? If so, enter the web address:
- *Optional:* Attach a pdf of your CV.
- Make your profile available to other members? Yes/No

#### 2. Topics

In his Reader's Guide, Elmer Colyer surveyed the work of T. F. Torrance according to the following categories (<u>tftorrance.org/ec</u>). Which of the following represent your areas of interest in the Torrance tradition? Check all that apply. (*This info will be used to create cross-references in the new website.*)

- Life and Theological Vision (Biography / Memoirs)
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- 7b. Hermeneutics
- 7c. The nature of truth
- 7d. Theological method and the Trinity
- 7e. Sermons / Pastoral Ministry
- 8. Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Periods

Check any that apply:

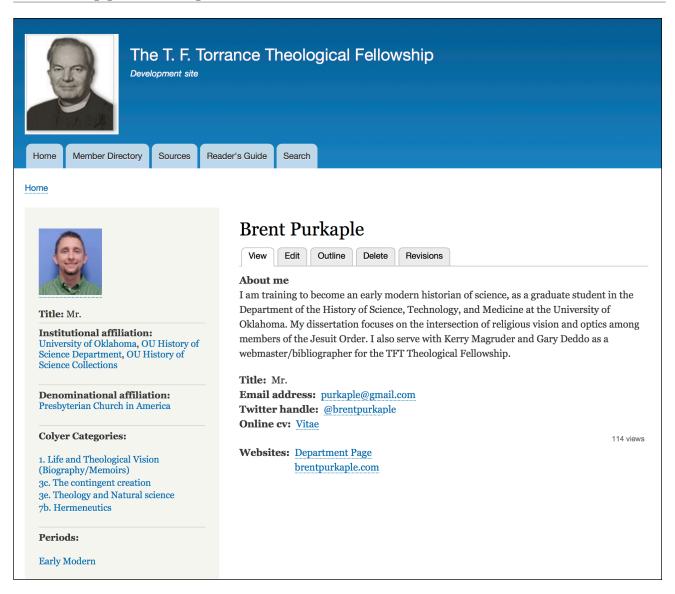
Old Testament; New Testament; Patristic; Medieval; Reformation; Early Modern; 19th Century; 20th Century

#### 4. Conclusion

Do you have any additional information or feedback you would like to provide about the Member Directory?

That's it! Thank you for completing this Member Profile.

Please go on now to complete the Publications form
for each of your Torrance-related publications.



Above: screenshot from the development site (in progress)

The purpose of Member profiles is to promote member discoverability and community interaction. Click any "Period" link to see other members who work in that period. Click any "Colyer Category" to find others who share similar interests, as well as to go to the corresponding section of Colyer's *Reader's Guide* and to related bibliographic records. Find someone in your own region by clicking the "Location link" (not shown above). In general, clicking the general links on a member profile displays a list of other members (and website pages) relevant to Institutions, Denominations, Locations, Colyer Categories, Periods, etc. The "About me" area allows you to introduce yourself to other members.

## PUBLICATION FORM: T. F. Torrance Theological Fellowship

Please submit Torrance-related publications at tftorrance.org For each publication, complete the Publication web form.

#### 1. Basic publication information

- · Author Name:
- Are you the author?
- Are you a member of the T. F. Torrance Theological Fellowship? Yes/No
- Format: Book, Chapter, Journal Article, Audio/Video, Web resource, Other.
- Chapter or Article title:
- Book or Journal title:

- Series name, number:
- Date of Publication:
- Edition:
- · Pages:
- Number of volumes:
- Specific volume number:
- Place of Publication:
- · Publisher:
- ISBN (if book):

- Web links (Publisher website, Amazon, WorldCat, etc.):
- Access (Copyright-paywall; Copyright-no charge; Open Access; other)
- Abstract (if available; or book jacket blurb):
- Notes (setting, occasion, context):

#### 2. Related Torrance sources

(This info will be used to create cross-references in the new website.)

Which publications from the *Sources* bibliography are most relevant to this publication? Select 1-5 sources per publication. Enter McGrath numbers, if known; otherwise include as detailed a citation as possible.

#### 3. Related Torrance studies

(This info will be used to create cross-references in the new website.)

*Optional:* Which publications from the *Studies* bibliography are most relevant to this publication? Are there studies whose arguments it is critiquing or extending? Select 1-5 studies per publication. For each secondary source, include as detailed a citation as possible.

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## 5. Periods

Check any that apply:

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