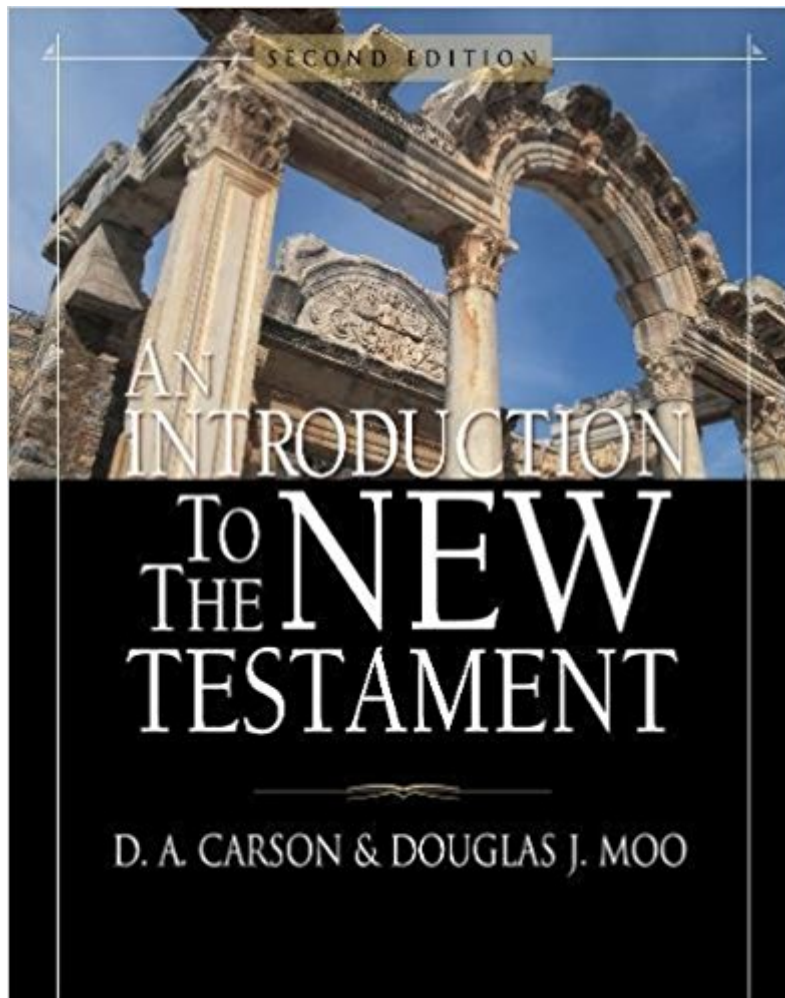




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# An Introduction To The New Testament



## Synopsis

An Introduction to the New Testament focuses on "special introduction" that is historical questions dealing with authorship, date, sources, purpose, destination, and so forth. This approach stands in contrast to recent texts that concentrate more on literary form, rhetorical criticism, and historical parallels—topics the authors don't minimize, but instead think are better given extended treatment in exegesis courses. By refocusing on the essentials, An Introduction to the New Testament ensures that the New Testament books will be accurately understood within historical settings. For each New Testament document, the authors also provide a substantial summary of that book's content, discuss the book's theological contribution to the overall canon, and give an account of current studies on that book, including recent literary and social-science approaches to interpretation. This second edition reflects significant revision and expansion from the original, making this highly acclaimed text even more valuable. A new chapter provides a historical survey examining Bible study method through the ages. The chapter on Paul has been expanded to include an analysis of debates on the "new perspective." The discussion of New Testament epistles has been expanded to form a new chapter. This new edition will help a new generation of students better grasp the message of the New Testament.

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'...highly recommended. With its very careful, keenly nuanced, and extensively researched discussions, it may well be considered special in a way not originally intended by its authors. It deserves to be read not just by students but by all scholars of the New Testament.' (Review of Biblical Literature)

D.A. Carson is professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Douglas J. Moo is associate professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical School. Leon Morris, retired, was principal of Ridley College, Melbourne, and served as visiting professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical School --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Biblical and broad, but could be more brief. This work does a good job of introducing the many theories, challenges, and problems of NT scholarship (authors, dates, textual problems, canonicity, etc.). Sometimes, too much detail is given for the introduction-style approach of the book (especially the many possible interpolations of the texts to Corinth). More time could be spent on interpretative problems, but the authors decided to focus their attentions elsewhere. Generally, the authors do give a well-reasoned opinion on each problem at the conclusions of the various sections (e.g., "...in our opinion the earlier date for the writing of this book is preferred, but..."). Overall, the authors are fair, biblical, and logical, making this a worthwhile book for a serious student and far superior to other, more liberal introductions. If you learn to skim the wordy sections, you'll benefit from this book.

D.A. Carson and Douglas Moo join together to write this introductory text to the New Testament. The authors take a book-by-book approach to breaking down the New Testament. Each chapter is a stand-alone study of a book or books of the Bible. Every chapter examines a particular book based on content, author, audience, date written, reason for the book, adoption into canon, recent studies, contribution and more. The authors make an in-depth examination of each book. They investigate and analyze each letter methodically. Carson and Moo do a balanced job and include the major dissenting opinions and the views of detractors. While the bulk of the book is theological in nature it includes scrutiny from historical, sociological, linguistic, and anthropological perspectives. The authors are brilliant at contextualizing the writers, recipients and settings for the original letters. There is a detailed picture painted explaining why each letter was written. Carson and Moo address historical and modern controversies within each letter. Liberal, conservative and outlandish viewpoints are represented. The authors critique the major positions and offer solid scrutiny to

benefit the reader. This book is written at an academic level, but it is certainly practical for casual readers. The high level analysis within this book lends itself nicely to both individual reading and group studies. The novice theologian and the scholar will find this as beneficial read. Without a doubt, this is a superb introductory overview of the books of the New Testament.

This book is an excellent seminary-level introduction to the New Testament that should also be very helpful to the serious lay New Testament (NT) student. It starts with an introduction into NT studies, giving a short overview of the history of NT studies, and defines standard categories like historical, text, form and literary criticism. Other overview chapters that are interspersed at the appropriate points include a chapter on the Synoptic Gospels, the New Testament Letters, Paul, and the NT canon. The rest of the book goes through the biblical books according to the order found in the New Testament, at least in the common English translations (my German Bible according to Luther has a slightly different order for the general epistles). Each chapter is divided in the following sections (depending on which book they are discussing): contents, author, provenance (i.e. where was it written) and date, addressees (whom was it written to), integrity, literary history, text, nature and genre, purpose, >in recent studies

This is a good book that deals with each NT book individually. It's great in that it gives you a wide range of details about the book from author to recipient to culture to purpose, etc. Carson and Moo are obviously great scholars and this book is no different. It's accessible to anyone - you don't need to have a seminary degree to be able to use it, I'd recommend this book without reservation to any pastor, student, or just student of the word who wants to dig deeper!

Excellent. Detailed and scholarly, written from a "high view of scripture" point of view. All other NT intro books I have seen are either: 1-Shorter, more cursory, and do not discuss controversial issues. Examples include: "Essential Bible Companion" by Walton, Strauss, and Cooper. shortest (1 page per book), "Essence of the New Testament" by Towns and Gutierrez, (approx. 6 pages per book avg.) "Survey of the New Testament" by Gundry, (approx. 19 pages per book avg.). These are all acceptable for quick reference, bible study groups, and survey level undergrad courses, or 2-High level of detail and scholarly acumen but are written from a "critical" or "liberal" (low view of scripture).

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