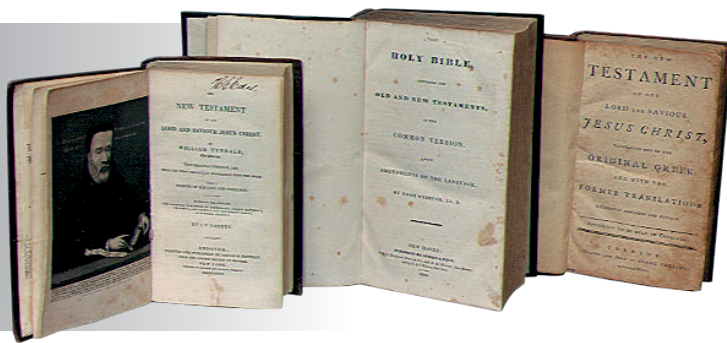


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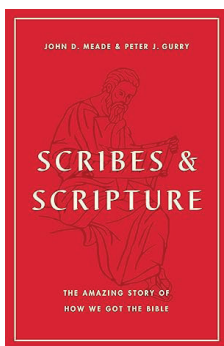


Dr. Peter Gurry



Dr. John Meade

The Dunham Bible Museum is delighted to host a conference on the history of the Bible January 20. *Scribes and Scripture* will explore how a set of books written in different languages by dozens of authors across thousands of years was copied, canonized, and translated to become the Bible we know today. *Scribes and Scripture* is produced by the Text and Canon Institute of Phoenix Seminary. (textandcanon.org/).



Drs. John Meade and Peter Gurry are speakers at the day-long conference, which will include sessions on the Biblical canon, translating the Bible, and scribal practices of both the Old and New Testaments.

Registration for the *Scribes and Scripture* conference can be made online at the Museum's website (hcu.edu/biblemuseum), under "Lectures."

The registration fee includes lunch and a copy of Drs. Meade and Gurry's book *Scribes and Scripture*.

Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls



Dr. Randall Price with pottery fragments discovered in Cave 12.
Photo courtesy of Liberty University

Dr. Randall Price will present a lecture on "Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls" on January 11, 2024 at 7 pm in Belin Chapel. From 2002-2012 Price was director of excavations on the Qumran Plateau (site of the Dead Sea Scrolls community). The excavations were part of Operation Scroll, a joint effort with Hebrew University, the Israel Antiquities Authority, the Israel Nature and Park Authority, and the Civil Administration of Judea and Samaria. He will be speaking on the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and their importance to Biblical interpretation.

In 2010, Dr. Price and his team discovered Cave 12. When the cave was excavated, no scrolls were found. However, fragments of storage jars and scroll wrappings indicated scrolls were once present in the cave, but they had been pillaged by thieves.

Dr. Price has his Th.M. from Dallas Seminary in Semitic Languages and his Ph.D. from University of Texas in Middle Eastern studies, concentrating in Jewish studies and biblical archaeology. He also has done post-graduate work at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Price has taught at numerous Universities and for years was professor and Director of the Center for Judaic Studies at Liberty University. The author of numerous books, Dr. Price is also the Founder and president of the World of the Bible Ministries, Inc. (worldofthebible.com).

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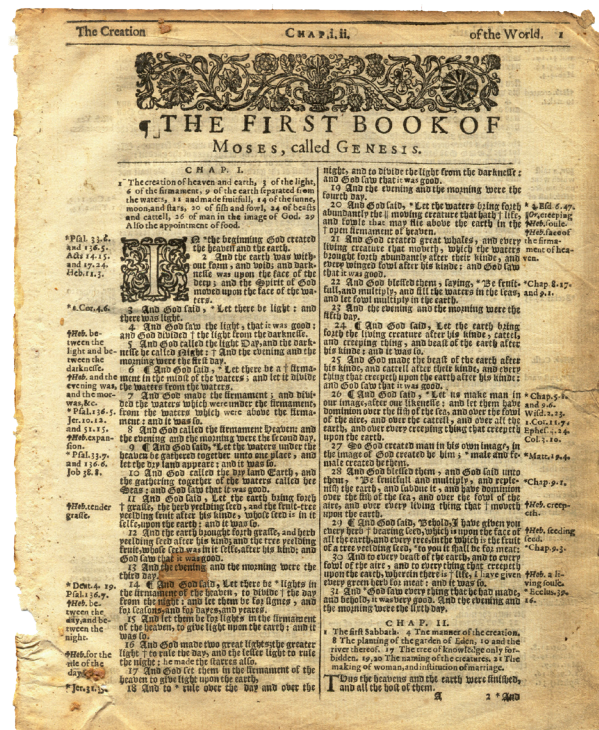
The Dunham Bible Museum Friends is organized to support the programs and collections of the Museum through annual contributions and participation in Museum events. Dunham Bible Museum Friends help spread the word about the exhibits and activities of the Dunham Bible Museum. Friends also have the satisfaction that their tax deductible gift will benefit the Dunham Bible Museum and enable it to achieve its goal of being a premier museum dedicated to the Bible, its message, history, and influence. All Friends will receive year-long benefits of a printed subscription to the Dunham Bible Museum News, invitations to exhibit openings, and a discount on Museum store purchases. Visit the Museum's website (hc.edu/biblemuseum) for the membership form.

Bible Leaf Makes Perfect Gift

The Dunham Bible Museum has a small number of early English Bible leaves for sale. These are from portions of Bibles which had fallen into pieces and disrepair, but individual leaves remain in good condition. A limited number of leaves are available from:

- 1st edition 1611 King James Bible – folio size (\$190)
- pre-1650 King James Bible – folio size (\$100)
- pre-1650 King James Bible – quarto size (\$50)
- 1610 Geneva Bible – quarto size (\$50)

Understandably, all Scripture passages are not available. These can be framed very nicely and make excellent gifts for that special person for a special occasion. For more information about any of these opportunities, contact Dr. Diana Severance (281-649-3287 or dseverance@hc.edu).



Leaf from 1611 King James Bible

King James in Egypt

A recent visitor to the Dunham Bible Museum was an Egyptian now living and working in the Houston area who maintains connections with Coptic Orthodox Christians in his homeland. The visitor purchased from the Museum numerous Bible leaves from pre-1650 King James Bibles which will be displayed in a Coptic monastery in Egypt.

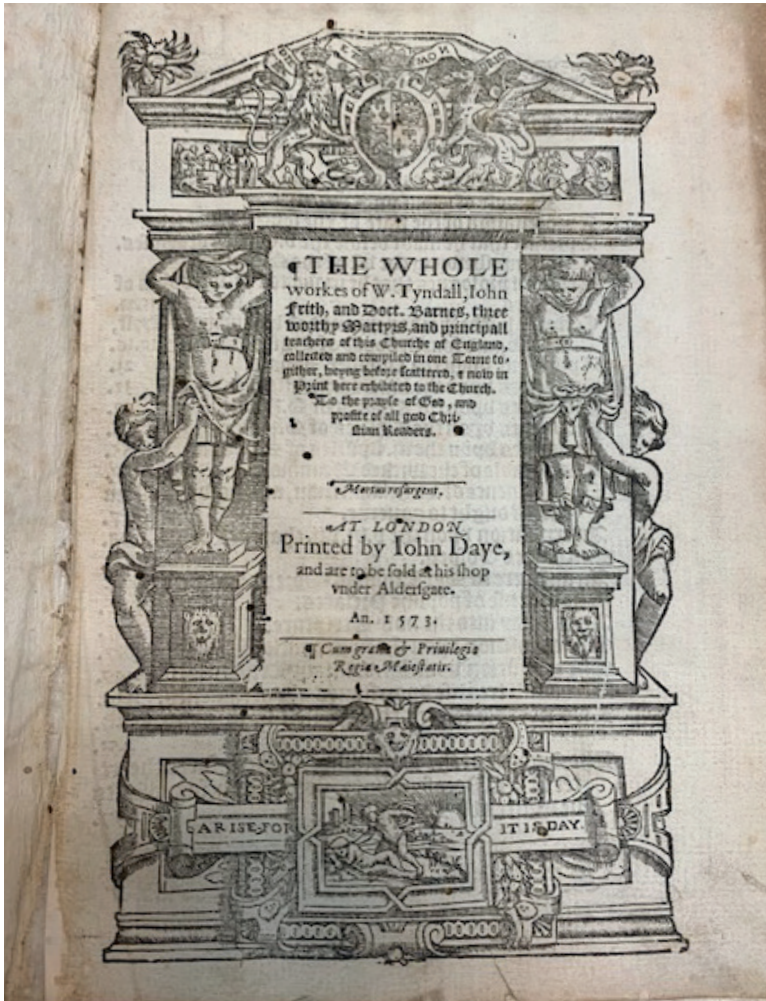
The Monastery of Saint Samuel the Confessor dates to the 10th century and is named after a 5th century monk persecuted for his faith. The monastery today has a valuable collection of ancient manuscripts, including biblical texts, liturgical books and theological writings. Now the monastery also has a nice collection of pre-1650 Bible leaves from the important King James translation.

Christians are a minority in Egypt and continue to suffer persecution. The monastery of Saint Samuel seeks to preserve its Christian heritage.

Monastery of Saint Samuel the Confessor



Three Martyrs under King Henry VIII



Title page of The Whole Workes of W. Tyndall, John Frith, and Doct. Barnes, 1573

The Dunham Bible Museum recently acquired a 1573 first edition of *The Whole Workes of W. Tyndall, John Frith, and Doct. Barnes, three worthy Martyrs, and principall Teachers of this Church of England*, edited by John Foxe and published by John Daye. All three men were martyrs for their faith during the reign of King Henry VIII. William Tyndall was the translator of the New Testament into English from the Greek. John Frith was a pastor who stood for a Christianity based on Scripture rather than tradition. Robert Barnes was a friend and supporter of Martin Luther. All three were burned at the stake for heresy.

In printing their life and works, John Foxe wrote that here was to “be found, not only of doctrine to inform thee, of comfort to delight thee, of godly ensample to direct thee; but also of special admiration, to make thee wonder at the works of the Lord, so mightily working in these men, so opportunely stirring them up, so graciously in assisting them.”

Private Life of William Tyndale

John Foxe concluded his “Life of Willaim Tyndall” which focused on Tyndale’s translation work and martyrdom, with a look at Tyndale’s private life: “First he was a man very frugal and spare of body, a great student and earnest laborer, namely in the setting forth of the Scriptures of God. He reserved to hallow to himself 2 days in the week, which he named his days of pastime, and these days were Monday the first day in the week, and Saturday, the last day in the week. On the Monday he visited such poor men and women as were fled out of England by the reason of persecution into Antwerp, and those well understanding their good exercises and qualities he did very liberally comfort and relieve; and in like manner provided for the sick and diseased persons. On the Saturday he walked round about the town in Antwerp, seeking out every Corner, and hole where he suspected any poor person to dwell (as God knows there are many) and where he found any to be well occupied, and yet overburdened with children, or else were aged, or weak, those also he plentifully relieved. And thus he spent his 2 days in pastime as he called them. And truly his Alms was very large and great; and so it might well be: for his exhibition that he had yearly of the English merchants was very much, and that for the most part he bestowed upon the poor as afore said. The rest of the days of the week he gave him wholly to his book where in most diligently he traveled. When the Sunday came, then went he to someone merchants chamber, or other, whether came many other merchants: and unto them would he read some one parcel of Scripture, either out of the old testament, or out of the new, the which proceeded so fruitfully, sweetly and gently from him (much like to the writing of S. John the evangelist), that it was a heavenly comfort and joy to the audience to hear him read the Scriptures: and in likewise after dinner, he spent an hour in the aforesaid manner. He was a man without any spot, or blemish to reprove him of any kind of sin or crime, albeit his righteousness and justification depended not there upon before God, but only upon the blood of Christ, and his faith upon the same: in which faith constantly he died... at Filforde, and now rests with the glorious company of Christ’s Martyrs blessedly in the Lord, who be blessed in all his saints Amen.”



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— Samuel Colgate,
*American manufacturer
and philanthropist*



Visit our website at www.hc.edu/biblemuseum
There you will find virtual tours of the Museum's exhibits, past and present, as well as videos of past lectures and much more.

Current Special Exhibits

- ❖ Celebrating the life of Jesus, the Christ:
Three Centuries of Bible Art
- ❖ The Treasured Word
- ❖ Out of this World – the Bible on the Moon

The Dunham Bible Museum's regular exhibits include:

- Bible manuscripts • American Bibles
 - Early printed Bibles • *The St. John's Bible*
 - English bibles • Foreign Bible translations
- ...all designed to show the Bible's history, influence, and impact.

Upcoming Special Events

- ❖ “Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls”, lecture by Dr. Randall Price. January 11, 2024, 7pm, Belin chapel
- ❖ Scribe and Scripture Conference with Drs. John Meade and Peter Gurry. January 20, 2024, 9:30-4:30. Register on the Bible Museum's website.

The Dunham Bible Museum is OPEN
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday – Saturdays,
except University holidays.

To make an appointment for group tours, or
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