



The AGNT Project Report—Q2 2018

As a licensee or friend of AGNT or ANLEX, we would like to update you once a quarter about our continuing work to enhance and perfect these databases and about our plans for the future.



The Project. *The AGNT Project Report—Q3 2008* introduced the team, outlined ongoing tasks, and discussed potential tasks.



Introducing John Hughes

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As John Hughes and I try to supply meaningful content for our quarterly AGNT newsletters, I have come to realize that who produces within our AGNT circle is just as interesting and important as what we produce, but far less known. In this issue I would like to “introduce” John to you with a bit more detail than you are probably aware of. I had to overrule John’s reluctance to be written up in this short piece.

We met John when he was putting together his book *Bits, Bytes, & Biblical Studies: A Resource Guide for the Use of Computers in Biblical and Classical Studies* while we were still at the University of Minnesota (1976–82). We were one of the first to do anything big with digitalized Greek texts, and John wanted to note it in his book. He knew everything about academic computing in the humanities, it seemed, and he helped us draw a following.

Later when we recovered the misplaced magnetic tapes of our *Analytical Concordance of the Greek New Testament* (ANCONC; found in a cardboard box under someone’s desk at the University of Minnesota Computer Center), Baker Book House employed John and his wife Claire as free-lance editors to edit and typeset that mass of data (almost 5000 pages in final printed form). They did a great job, as evidenced by my having found only one error therein in decades of subsequent usage. John coauthored with Peter C. Patton the informative introductory article “Concordances to the Bible: A History and Prospective” in the two-volume ANCONC.

John has both taught academically (Westmont College) and been in the business world of computing. After a number of years working with Zondervan to design, develop, and document their DOS, Mac, and Windows Bible software, he joined the staff of P&R Publishing, where he is currently Director of Academic Development. He manages P&R's academic publishing projects and works with new and existing authors to develop new projects.

In 2008 John became the electronic agent for the Analytical Greek New Testament project. His ability to manage well is a personal plus to me. I note areas for advancement and development, but it is John who has the hands-on task of vetting potential tasks as doable or not, asking me to provide answers to his hard questions.

Probably John's most significant academic [article](#) is his "Hebrews 9:15ff. And Galatians 3:15ff.: A Study in Covenant Practice and Procedure," *Novum Testamentum* 21, no. 1 (1979): 27–96.

I am a proofreader by nature. Whether I read devotionally or academically, I am always on the lookout for errors waiting to be found. But I think that I have never found any in John's editing. We must have been schooled in the same *Chicago Manual of Style*, for we even agree on editing conventions.

We have been in John and Claire's Whitefish, MT, home several times. Those visits have shown John also to be an avid outdoorsman. Living with Glacier National Park almost within reach, John has taken us on the Going-to-the-Sun Road several times. He also loves to hunt and explore the great outdoors of Montana. His pictures are frequently breathtaking.

John and Claire have three sons and three daughters-in-law and more grandchildren than I can keep track of. One thing is clear: John loves life and doesn't want to miss out on too much. In fact, it is a good thing to make an appointment with him if your task is one that he might handle, especially of course in biblical computing.

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We hope next quarter to reintroduce the AGNT team, many of whom have been with us since 2008, when they were first introduced. Others of course are new contributors to our AGNT aids to students, pastors and translators.

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We note with disappointment the announcement that BibleWorks is closing down after some three decades of providing state-of-the-art digital tools for analyzing the Text. Certainly others will try to fill the vacuum, but I am not sure they will

be able to. BibleWorks was not just a biblical software package, it was a ministry headed by our teacher Mike Bushell. We consider Mike a good friend and brother.



As always, we remain open to developing AGNT and ANLEX in ways that are most useful to the needs of students and readers of God's Word.

Thank you for your continued support of *The AGNT Project*, for faithfully marketing the AGNT and ANLEX databases, and for making these state-of-the-art tools for studying the Greek New Testament available to students, scholars, pastors, translators, and laymen worldwide.

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