

Guest Book 325

December 2008

Congratulations on 325 years of your essential contribution to readers. One of my special honors is to have been an author of one of your publications.

Sincerely, **Professor Carol Thomas, The University of Washington, Seattle, Washington USA**

October 2008

Ilaria Letizia!

Elisa Ramelli

September 2008

Happy anniversary Brill! I congratulate Brill for a successful 325 years of excellence in service to the world of publishing.

Best regards; **Richard Massicotte, Ph.D., Canada, Québec**

Congratulations and many thanks to Brill for its valued works on Islamic Studies.

Fahad Alhomoudi, Prof. Of Islamic Law, Vice-Dean of Academic Research for Publication at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, Saudi Arabia

August 2008

Congratulations on your anniversary, and I hope you have many more!

Neil Iwan

To all at Brill publishing: I want to extend my sincere congratulations on attaining this impressive milestone: 325 years of publishing. As a graduate student I read many of your publications dealing with early modern themes. You continue to publish cutting edge research in my field of early modern European studies. I am honoured now to have a book coming out under the Brill imprint. I wish you many more years of publishing success.

Sincerely, **Douglas H. Shantz, Ph.D., Professor of Christian Thought, University of Calgary**

Dear Brill: Mit freundlichen Gruessen

Yours sincerely, **Franziska Jahn, Quotations**

Dear Brill: I sign (your guestbook)!

Astrid Nunn

Dear Friends and Colleagues at Brill: Publishing Technology would like to extend its congratulations to Brill on its 325th Anniversary. Publishing Technology is a proud partner in all Brill's continued successes.

Warmest regards, All at Publishing Technology, **Andrew Dobson**

July 2008

Dear Brill: And here is to the next 325 years of first-class publishing!

Pamela Welch, New Zealand

Dear Brill: Congratulations on your celebrations!

With regards, **T. Bjursell, Stockholm, Sweden**

I am very thankful to Brill for the timely assistance and responses and hold in high regard the efforts of World Christian Database. Thanking you!

Regards, **Maria Deepa Rodgers**

Brill printed my commentary on Gregory Nazianzen's Theological Orations in the 1990s. It had so many different languages and odd titles; yet Brill did the whole process in good time and with excellent results. Friends in Early Christian Studies tell me how good it is. Even my doctor father, Jaroslav Pelikan, kept going back to it to find pieces of information as well as interpretations. The volume was the first of a series of commentaries on the Fathers. I am pleased that I could help Brill open that door.

Frederick W. Norris

June 2008

Please receive my congratulations on a wonderful milestone -- 325 years of academic publishing. As an editor/author I am proud to be associated with Brill and look forward to a long future working relationship.

With kindest regards, **Dr. Gerhard van den Heever Editor: Religion & Theology, Department of New Testament University of South Africa**

Dear Brill: Thanks for your letter and the beautiful notebook. Congratulations on Brill 325th Anniversary! Best wishes!

Yours sincerely **Dong Mingqing Shandong Pictorial Publishing House**

Happy anniversary Brill! En nog vele gelukkige en winstvolle jaren!

Hartelijk gefeliciteerd, **Dr. P.A. Verlaan, Editorial Associate, International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law**

May 2008

Dames en Heren: Hartelijk dank voor de daverende bijeenkomst in de Hooglandse Kerk en het prachtige boek. Het zal mij lang heugen. Welk een stijl en souplesse!

Met hartelijke groet, **Ab Jongbloed, Jongbloed Juridische Boekhandel, The Hague**

Dear Friends and Colleagues at Brill: On behalf of EBSCO I would like to send our congratulations to Brill for a successful 325 years in publishing. EBSCO and Brill have been working together for more than 60 years and it is truly a pleasure to work with your dedicated and professional team.

With best regards, **Melissa Kenton Vice President, Publisher Relations, EBSCO Publishing**

I am very pleased to send this message for the special 325 Guest Book (Word doc)

Yours sincerely: **Peder Borgen, Author and President of the Editorial Board of NOVUM TESTAMENTUM**

Mit großer Dankbarkeit; denke ich an eine nun bald 50jährige Zusammenarbeit mit dem Verlag E.J.Brill zurück. Sie begann mit der Veröffentlichung meiner Dissertation über die Zeloten, die E.J.Brill nicht nur in sein Verlagsprogramm aufnahm, sondern damit auch eine neue Reihe (damals AGSU, heute AJEC) begründete, in der inzwischen über 70 Bände erschienen sind.

Verbunden war dies mit einem für den noch unbekanntem Autor im Vergleich mit anderen Verlagen günstigen Angebot. 1976 erschien eine zweite erweiterte Auflage der Zeloten. Das Buch ist inzwischen vergriffen, erhältlich ist jedoch eine englische Übersetzung.

Fast 40 Jahre war ich dann Mitherausgeber dieser Reihe, die internationales Ansehen erworben hat. Ein Höhepunkt war das Erscheinen der Aufsätze von Elias Bickerman "Studies in Jewish and Christian History" zwischen 1975 und 1986. Der letzte Band erschien nach dem Tode dieses großen Gelehrten 1986.

Im vergangenen Jahr hat der Verlag eine neue Ausgabe mit der Übersetzung der deutschen und französischen Texte ins Englische und der englischen Fassung seiner berühmten Monographie "Der Gott der Makkabäer" erscheinen lassen. Ich kann dies nur als eine verlegerische Großtat bezeichnen, die dem Stil des Hauses Brill entspricht. Überhaupt darf der Herausgeber das Zusammenwirken mit dem Verlag über Jahrzehnte hinweg als recht erfreulich, ja man könnte sagen freundschaftlich, bezeichnen. Mehrfach waren Mitglieder der Geschäftsleitung Gäste in der Schwabstraße 51 in Tübingen. Man handelte immer im gegenseitigen guten Einvernehmen, das sich im Aufblühen der Reihe dokumentierte.

Dankbar ist der Gelehrte auch für die zahlreichen Bücher von Brill in seiner Bibliothek, mit denen er ständig arbeitet und die für seine wissenschaftlichen Publikationen überaus hilfreich sind. So kann der nun 81jährige dem Verlag nach seiner 325jährigen Geschichte nur wünschen, daß er wie bisher erfolgreich weiterarbeitet zum Wohle der Wissenschaft.

Mit herzlichem Gruß Ihr **Martin Hengel**

Dear Brill: Congratulations on your ever increasing longevity! I, as a Sumerologist, thank you especially for your unsurpassed contribution to the ANE Studies. May your future mission be more fruitful and overflowing.

**Professor Jin Sup Kim (김진섭), Ph.D. Vice President, Graduate Schools of Theology Dean,
Christian Divinity School, Baekseok University, Seoul, Korea**

April 2008

Lectori salutem! First and foremost I want to congratulate the firm KONINKLIJKE BRILL Academic Publishers on the occasion of being in business for no less than 325 years per A.D. 2008! Indeed this is no small achievement to accomplish, having published high quality scholarly books through more than three centuries in succession, a period in which society has developed and changed quite a bit. And yet, although the marks of tradition and respectability are still prominently present in the BRILL offices, this viable and dynamic company not only manages to survive still today, in the age of digitalization, but it even flourishes and seems constantly able to extend its range of funds to new markets, albeit invariably in a well-considered and thoughtful way. KONINKLIJKE BRILL deserves our respect, i.e., the respect of the Academic community worldwide!

My first contact with BRILL was as a customer, in 1970, when I wanted to buy a book published by BRILL in 1909 (A. Scott, "The Copepoda of the Siboga Expedition"), which to my surprise was still readily available! The year after I had become a subscriber to CRUSTACEANA -- International Journal of Crustacean Research and I ordered all volumes hitherto published (from ca. 1960). This was not cheap, but as I had just started my career as a professional biologist, I considered scientific literature a good investment and, as I was still a bachelor then, I could afford it as well. Then a couple of weeks later an employee of BRILL phoned me at my university desk in Leiden, telling me the order had been executed and the material was all there; only sending that by mail or special delivery would be costly. I could avoid those costs by collecting the volumes myself. So I did, parking my car with some trouble in the small and crowded inner city of Leiden, in the vicinity of the old BRILL office. I collected a large cardboard box, containing some 20 volumes of Crustaceana and, still young (26 years old I was then) I placed it on my shoulder and started walking to my car. Of course, the box became, in my experience at least, heavier with each step and when I finally reached the car, I could only conclude that this was the most

troublesome way in which I had saved some money -- and how little relatively: after all, less than 3% of the amount involved with the order!

In 1975 I was invited to join the Editorial Board of *Crustaceana*, in 1985 I moved to the position of secretary, doing the acceptance of manuscripts, and in 1993 I also acquired the final editing, from that moment on effectively acting as a managing editor. As time went by the published volume of that periodical has grown from 640 to 1408 printed pages a year and the journal has been completed with the series *Crustaceana Monographs* since 1999. In that same year BRILL also acquired the rights for translating the "Traité de Zoologie - Crustacea" of which I am now an editor and translator. Thus, I have seen some six or seven Presidents governing BRILL since Mr. Wieder, and I have experienced generations of desk - and acquisition editors (and, by the way, shown some of them the ropes for handling the *Crustacea*-fund, in order to ensure the desired continuity). Despite the obvious differences, I can only say that the commitment all of them, and in fact all personnel, have to BRILL is amazing: we all cooperate to produce a good, long-lasting product in the form of series of fine books and fine journals, both as regards contents as well as in respect of printing and design. It has been a pleasure for me to be connected with BRILL as an external editor, and it still is. The passing of years has also meant a change in company culture, I must say: from a slightly old-fashioned, formal company in the 1970s, the firm has developed into a modern, up-to-date company, keeping abreast with new developments and entertaining a modern company culture today: well done!

And not only that: when I wanted to do my academic promotion in 1984, BRILL gave me an opportunity to quickly and neatly print my Ph.D. thesis, so as to get my degree before the university's summer vacation! This even today constitutes a valuable memory for me.

Hence, I hereby end with a remark borrowed (and adapted) from the famous whisky brand of Johnny Walker: "Born 1683 -- still going strong!" Keep it that way!"

With all my best wishes, **Dr. J.C. von Vaupel Klein (Formerly Associate Professor in Systematic Zoology at Leiden University -- now retired.) April 25th, 2008**

Dear Friends and Colleagues at Brill; 325 of scholarly publishing. That's quite an accomplishment! In this time when university presses continue to be challenged by the bottom line, Brill has managed not only to survive but to prosper. And Brill has accomplished this by balancing its list between useful reference works and ground-breaking scholarship. In recent decades, you have given the boost to new views and new interpretations that have changed and sometimes revolutionized the scholarly understanding of religions and regions. Congratulations on your accomplishments so far!

Paul V.M. Flesher Editor, Studies in the Aramaic Interpretation of Scripture, Director, Religious Studies, University of Wyoming

Dear colleagues at Brill; I am very happy to start so wonderful and promising co-publishing cooperation with Brill in the year of yours 325th Anniversary! How many publishers in the world may be praised with such a long history in publishing books for the world's scholar community? I suppose very few, and I am taking this excellent occasion to wish your staff Good Health and a Lovely Anniversary Year!

Yours truly, **Dr Lyubomir Penev, Managing Director of Pensoft Publishers, Sofia-Moscow**

Dear Brill: On behalf of the Editorial Board of the ASC / SAVUSA Series we sincerely congratulate Brill Academic Publishers with its 325th birthday! We look forward to our further cooperation in publishing."

Dr. Harry Wels and Dr. Marja Spierenburg, VU University Amsterdam

Geachte BRILL: De uitgeverij Brill ken ik al decennia. Net als de uitgeverij/imprint Martinus Nijhoff. Beide waren/zijn uitgeverijen die in het verdere verleden immers veel belangrijk werk hebben verzet op het terrein van het strafrecht en de criminologie, nationaal zowel als internationaal. Toen Lindy Melman, die ik al vele jaren kende, van Kluwer Law International overstapte naar Brill/Martinus Nijhoff, vond ik dat een heuglijke en veelbelovende gebeurtenis: een rijk verleden zou nieuw leven worden ingeblazen; daar was ik van overtuigd. Hierom heb ik in de voorbije jaren geen moment gearzeld met het aanbieden van manuscripten bij Brill/Lindy. De recente catalogi bewijzen dat mijn verwachting/voorspelling in elk geval is uitgekomen. Op de volgende 325 jaar!

Met vriendelijke groeten, **Cyrille Fijnaut**

Heartiest congratulations on this anniversary! When one thinks of the processes of printing and publishing, Brill's name comes to the fore for technical excellence and contributions to scholarly development in many fields of research. Long may you continue to promote publication and contribute to the technical processes of production."

Alan Crown

I congratulate Brill for a successful 325 years of publishing! My experience as a Brill writer has been one of sheer delight. The unparalleled excellence of the editorial staff has made my first experience in having a book published to be nothing short of brilliant. It is obvious to all who work with the Brill team just why you have so long prospered and continue to remain at the very pinnacle of the academic publishing world. May this be only the beginning.

Joel Allen, Ph.D. Professor of Religion, Lambuth University, Jackson, Tennessee

Dear Editor, fausta omina tibi atque ad maiora, quotidie semper. Shalom et Pax tibi omnibusque lectoribus.

Marcello prof. dr. Del Verme, Professor of Early Christianity and History of Religions, Dip.to di Discipline Storiche, Università degli Studi di Napoli

Dear Brill: Congratulations and best wishes on this anniversary, a milestone in the career of one of the world's leading publishers. I am honored to be among the contributors to your press.

Norman Roth

"I like Brill!" For the courtesy of its employees, huge amount of specialised volumes, Brill needs a good word from a lot of scholars."

Fabrice De Backer, Master in Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology, Cadre Scientifique de la Mission Archéologique de Porsuk, Doctorant en Sciences de l'Antiquité à l' Université Marc Bloch (Strasbourg), Doctorant en Philologie et Histoire Orientales à l'Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain-La-Neuve)

Dear employees at Brill: I have been one of your satisfied customers for many years. However, this year (2008) I am an even more satisfied author, since Brill is publishing my book, 'Parasitic Flowering Plants' shortly after you celebrate the 325th anniversary as academic publishers. I feel Brill has done everything possible to fulfill my wishes in relation to production and distribution of a beautiful book, and I am glad to recommend this venerable and acknowledged publishing house to other authors.

Of course Brill should have flowers on their anniversary day, but please have a look in my book. The many beautiful flower pictures will last for much longer than a bouquet. With the best wishes for the future for the company and its employees.

Henning S. Heide-Jørgensen, University of Copenhagen

Dear Brill: Congratulations to Brill Academic Publishers on 325 years of excellence in service to the world of publishing. Few entities in any pursuit have such a long history of service, let alone service to such a vast world of readers in many languages. Brill books and journals are represented not just in the humanities but in a number of fields. The single driver for success is Brill's determination to publish only the finest, most carefully selected, and well-produced monographs and journals.

The Society of Biblical Literature, just having passed our 125th year, enjoys a unique partnership with Brill in the publication of our books in biblical, religious, and theological studies. May our work independently and together celebrate a long history.

Most cordially, **Kent Harold Richards, Professor of Old Testament and Executive Director, Society of Biblical Literature, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia**

Dear Brill: My longest book, Rashi's Commentary on Psalms was published by Brill in 2004, and it is still getting rave reviews. And some of my most important articles have appeared in journals such as *Vetus Testamentum* published by Brill, *Review of Rabbinic Judaism* published by Brill, and *Journal for the Study of Judaism* published by Brill and various anthologies edited by Jacob Neusner and published by Brill.

It is nice to deal with a legal person who is 325 years old rather than dealing with legal persons who are teenagers and act like it. Best wishes to all of us for another 325; the best is yet to come.

Mayer I. Gruber, Professor, Dept. of Bible, Archaeology & Ancient Near East, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

March 2008

Dear Friends at Brill: We are very happy to learn that this year (2008) marks Brill's 325 years of operation as an academic publishing company. Congratulations, indeed, to your excellent company, your brilliant leadership and very hard-working employees! Working with Brill as Co-Books Review Editors has been very rewarding and always pleasant!

Therefore, as we salute the Brill Family, we also pause to salute all of your integral units, including *AFRICAN AND ASIAN STUDIES* Journal as well as your other handsomely and professionally-produced publications.

Sincerely, **A.B. Assensoh, Ph.D., & Yvette M. Alex-Assensoh, Ph.D., J.D. Indiana University-Bloomington, Indiana**

Dear Brill: I well remember Brill's old premises in the center of Leiden when I spent the year 1950-51 at the Rijksuniversiteit as a Fulbright exchange student. B.A. van Proosdij was then your vice-president. He had been trained in Assyriology by the likes of Francois Thureau-Dangin himself. I began building my own library of Assyriology with careful purchases from Brill's Antiquariaat, which remained for a time at the old location even after other operations moved to larger quarters on the southern edge of town.

On July 1, 2002, Brill honored me with a reception in the Rijksmuseum voor Oudheden on the occasion of the Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale. It marked the completion of the three-volume CONTEXT OF SCRIPTURE but also the beginning of my retirement from forty years of teaching Assyriology at Yale University. Now I am looking forward to Brill's republication of my studies on Sumerian literature under the editorship of my Yale colleague, Eckhard Frahm. I wish Brill another successful lustrum of 325 years."

William W. Hallo, Yale University