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## Biographical History

Dr. Colin Brown (1932 - May 4, 2019) was a professor of systematic theology at Fuller Theological Seminary from 1978 – 2015. He was the founding Associate Dean of the Center for Advanced Theological Studies in Fuller's School of Theology, serving in that role from 1988 to 1997. He received the Seminary's C. Davis Weyerhauser Award for excellence in teaching in 1988. In addition to core courses in systematic theology, Dr. Brown taught advanced seminars on theological method, the politics of Jesus, and contemporary Christology. Mrs. Olive Brown (1927-2009) worked as a Reference Librarian in the Fuller Seminary's McAlister Library from 1978-2000. She had a BD in Theology from London University.

Dr. Brown graduated from the University of London (B.D.), University of Nottingham (M.A.) and the University of Bristol (Ph.D.). In 1961, he succeeded J.I. Packer as Lecturer at Tyndale Hall during the turbulent time of the merger of three Evangelical theological colleges to become Trinity College. From 1961 to 1972, Brown also taught theology at the University of Bristol. During his time at Trinity College, he also served as a visiting professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Illinois, Regent College in Vancouver, and Seeheim Theological Seminary in Germany. Brown was editor and contributing author to the *TSF Bulletin* and contributing author to the *Church of England Newspaper*.

Dr. Brown ministered to students as a regular speaker at InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (now Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship) meetings and conferences in Great Britain in the 1960s and 1970s. He was ordained as a priest in the Church of England in 1959, serving as a priest in the Episcopal Church after becoming a US citizen in 1986. From 1988 to 2007, he ministered as an assisting priest at St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Altadena, California. Dr. Brown was affiliated with the Tyndale Fellowship, American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, Society of Christian Philosophers, and the Institute for Biblical Research.

Select bibliography of authored works:

- *Karl Barth and the Christian Message* (1967, 1999),
- *Philosophy and the Christian Faith: A Historical Sketch from the Middle Ages to the Present Day* (1969)
- *Miracles and the Critical Mind* (1984, 2006) – Evangelical Christian Publishers' Association Gold Medallion Award in the Doctrine and Theology category, first place on the Critics' Commended List of Books in the *Los Angeles Times*, and a Logos Book Award
- *Jesus in European Protestant Thought* (1985, 2008) – Finalist for the Philip Scaff Prize of the American Society of Church History
- *New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology* (1986) – Editor
- *Christianity and Western Thought: A History of Philosophers, Ideas, and Movements, Vol. 1: From the Ancient World to the Age of Enlightenment* (1990, 2010)

His most recent research focused in two volumes on *The Quests of the Historical Jesus*, which grew out of his 1993 Hensley Henson Lectures at the University of Oxford. Dr. Brown's books have been translated into French, Portuguese, Romanian, Italian, Korean, and Chinese.

### **Scope and Content**

The Papers of Colin Brown, 1953-2010 consists of materials related to the drafting and publication of Brown's works as well as materials from Fuller Theological Seminary courses. It also includes his correspondence with Biblical scholars such as F.F. Bruce, Carl F.H. Henry and G.R. Beasley-Murray conducted during the process of editing of *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology* (1986). The collection also includes research notes and proofs of *Jesus in European Protestant Thought* and its related correspondence from 1972 to 1978. Brown's book collection was integrated into the Fuller Theological Seminary library collections.

### **Subjects**

Fuller Theological Seminary  
Jesus Christ – Biography  
Theological Students Fellowship  
Theology, Doctrinal  
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School  
University of Nottingham

### **Arrangement**

The collection has been organized as follows:

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**Container List****Series I: Colin Brown's Biographical Items, 1953-2006. Boxes 1-3.****Box 1: Biography and Personal Items**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Keylock, Leslie – "Meet Colin Brown", Moody Monthly Brown, Colin – "Colin Brown", Theology News and Notes	1988 1987
2	University of London Examination Papers, 1953, 1955, 1959, Preliminary Exam in Divinity, 1969.	1953-1969
3	Materials from teaching in England, merger of theological colleges	1964-1972
4	National Evangelical Anglican Congress at Keele - <i>Church Times</i> newspaper, Official list of delegates	1967
5	Conference papers in Europe	1967-1972
6	Conferences in Europe - Evangelical Study Conference	1969, 1972
7	Houses of Parliament - Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure (1963); Parliamentary Debates: House of Lords official report Vol. 260 No. 98 (13 July 1964) Vestures of Ministers Measure; Pastoral Measure No. 1	1963-1964, 1969
8	Fifth International Congress on Biblical Studies, Oxford – List of members, lectures, and schedule.	1973
9	North Park Theological Seminary Conference	1991
10	The Gospel of Truth: Jesus Seminar views throw religious community a curve, <i>Pasadena Star News</i>	1991
11	Colin Brown, Select List of Publications	1994
12	Miscellaneous papers and memos	1967, 1994

**Box 1: Correspondence**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
13	Correspondence 1971, 1972	1971-1972
14	Correspondence 1973	1973
15	Correspondence 1974	1974

**Box 2: Correspondence**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Correspondence 1974	1974
2	Correspondence 1975 (January – May)	1975
3	Correspondence 1975 (January – May)	1975
4	Correspondence 1975 (June - December)	1975
5	Correspondence 1975 (June - December)	1975
6	Correspondence 1976 (January – June)	1976
7	Correspondence 1976 (July – December)	1976
8	Correspondence 1977 (January – December)	1977

**Box 3: Correspondence**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Correspondence 1977, 1978	1977-1978
2	Correspondence 1977, 1978	1977-1978
3	Correspondence, Zondervan (History and Faith)	1984-1991
4	Correspondence, Zondervan (NIDNTT)	1979-1989
5	J.I. Packer/Colin Brown correspondence	1956-1967
6	Letters and miscellaneous papers	1956-2006
7	Letter from Colin Brown to David Bundy regarding archival materials	2004
8	Register of bibliographic information	
9	Register of Fuller Seminary dissertation authors, students Colin Brown advised?	

**Series II: Fuller Theological Seminary, 1987-2010. Boxes 3-7.****Box 3: Fuller Theological Seminary**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
10	SOT Graduate Studies Program Evaluation	1987
11	Center for Advanced Theological Studies, first placard	
12	Center for Advanced Theological Studies, program brochures	

**Box 4: Fuller Theological Seminary**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Center for Advanced Theological Studies, handbook and information	1992
2	Center for Advanced Theological Studies, handbook and newsletters	1996
3	Center for Advanced Theological Studies, Student Handbook, 2006-2007	2006-2009
4	Fuller Seminary Faculty Handbook	1995, binder
5	<i>The Quest of the Historical Pharisees: From Sanders to Saldarini, A Survey of Contemporary Scholarship</i> by Claire E. Sauer, Thesis for Master of Theology degree	1992
6	"Introduction" by Colin Brown – Theology News & Notes	March 1989
7	Fuller Seminary miscellaneous	
8	Colin Brown's retirement luncheon remarks by Betsy Colin and V. Karkkainen; Olive Brown's obituary	2010
9	ST501: Systematic Theology I, Theology and Anthropology for SOP students, syllabus	1997
10	ST501: Systematic Theology I – Lecture Notes by Nancy Gower	1997
11	ST501: Systematic Theology I, Theology and Anthropology for SOP students, binder	2005

**Box 5: Fuller Theological Seminary**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	ST501: Systematic Theology I, Theology and Anthropology, course evaluations	2007
2	ST502: Systematic Theology II, Christology & Soteriology, syllabus and exam	1990, 1996
3	ST502: Systematic Theology II – Lecture Notes by Nancy Gower	1996
4	ST503: Systematic Theology III, Ecclesiology & Eschatology	1996
5	ST503: Systematic Theology III – Lecture Notes by Nancy Gower	1998
6	ST819 and ST519: Contemporary Christology I, European Trends syllabus	2006
7	Jurgen Moltmann, Colin Brown <i>The Year of Jubilee and the Political Agenda of Jesus</i> , Colin Brown	1999
8	Contemporary Christology Seminar: Signs in the Fourth Gospel	1995, binder
9	ST821 and ST521: Contemporary Christology II, Trends in Britain and North America syllabus	2004
10	ST821 and ST521: Contemporary Christology II, Trends in Britain and North America, course readings, No. 1-2	2004
11	ST821 and ST521: Contemporary Christology II, Trends in Britain and North America, course readings, No. 3-4	2004
12	ST821 and ST521: Contemporary Christology II, Trends in Britain and North America, course readings, No. 5-7	2004
13	ST821 and ST521: Contemporary Christology II, Trends in Britain and North America, course readings, No. 8-9	2004
14	ST821 and ST521: Contemporary Christology II, Trends in Britain and North America, course readings, No. 10	2004

**Box 6: Fuller Theological Seminary**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
Box	Colin Brown Business cards	
3 CDs	CD of ST501: Theology & Anthropology	2005-2009
CD	CD of ST502: Christology & Soteriology	2007
CD	CD of ST503: Ecclesiology & Eschatology	2005
CD	CD of ST533: Politics of Jesus	2008
1	ST829 and ST529: Theological Method, Advanced Seminar syllabus	2007
2	ST829 and ST529: Theological Method, Advanced Seminar, course readings	2007, binder
3	ST829 and ST529: Theological Method, Advanced Seminar, course readings	binder
4	ST829 and ST529: Theological Method, Advanced Seminar, course readings - Theology in Reconstruction	binder



5	ST833 and ST533: The Politics of Jesus, Advanced Seminar syllabus	2005
6	ST833 and ST533: The Politics of Jesus, Advanced Seminar, course readers (Folder 1)	2010

**Box 7: Fuller Theological Seminary Academic Courses**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	ST833 and ST533: The Politics of Jesus, Advanced Seminar course binder (Folder 2)	2010
2	ST833 and ST533: The Politics of Jesus, Advanced Seminar course binder (Folder 3)	2010

**Series III: Book Drafts, 1964-2010. Boxes 7-14.****Box 7: Materials for 'The Quests of the Historical Jesus: From Quests Before the Quest to the New Quest' by Colin Brown**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
3	"Whose Jesus? The Quests of the Historical Jesus", edits	2003
4	Paper Outline, "Why Study the Historical Jesus?"	binder
5	Copies of "Why Study the Historical Jesus" and "The Quest of the Unhistorical Jesus and the Quest of the Historical Jesus"	2004, binder
6	Book Introduction	2008
7	Part 1. Quests before the Quest. 1. Growing Doubts about Orthodoxy. 2. Deism and the Historical Jesus	2008, binder
8	Part 2. The European Scene. 3. Albert Schweitzer and the Old Quest. 4. From Old Quest to New	2008, binder
9	5-6. The No Quest in Europe to World War II	
10	Part 3. The English-Speaking World. 7. English Church Politics and the Historical Jesus. 8. Jesus at Oxford and Cambridge	2009, binder

**Box 8: Materials for 'The Quests of the Historical Jesus: From Quests Before the Quest to the New Quest' by Colin Brown**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	9-10. Jesus in America—The Old Quest	2009, binder
2	10. Jesus in America—The Old Quest	2007-2009 binder
3	Part 4. Postscript, 14. Ongoing Issues	2010, binder
4	Postscript, Appendix 1	
5	Appendix 1	2008, binder

**Box 9: Material for Book – Jesus in European Protestant Thought (JEPT)**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
	Chapter 1. THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT	
1	Outline - "Rough Draft of Ch. I: The Age of Enlightenment"	1964, typescript
2	Criticisms of Reimarus	1964, typescript
3	Gotthold Ephraim Lessing (1729-81)	1964, typescript

4	The Ideals of Enlightenment	1964, typescript
5	Schleiermacher: Addenda and Corrigenda	1964, typescript
6	Schleiermacher's Achievement	1964, typescript
7	Secular History – Added notes	
	Chapter 2. IDEALISM	
8	Idealism	
9	Kant	
10	Herder	
11	Goethe	
12	Fichte	
13	Hegel	
14	Schelling	
	Chapter 3. THE LIFE OF JESUS AND CRITICAL HISTORY	
15	The Life of Jesus and Critical history	
	Chapter 4. LATER LIBERAL LIVES	
16	Gospel Criticism	
17	D.F. Strauss	
18	F.C. Baur	
19	Later Liberal Lives - Renan	
20	Later Liberal Lives - Seeley	
21	Later Liberal Lives	

**Box 9: New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
22	NIDNTT – final Proof.	1975
23	NIDNTT – Glossary	1975
24	NIDNTT – book covers	
25	NIDNTT – “Samaria & Samaritaner”, Klaus Haacker	1976

**Box 10: New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	NIDNTT – Corrections	1980
2	NIDNTT – Corrections	1980-1982
3	NIDNTT – Corrections	1980-1981
4	NIDNTT – Corrections	1982
5	NIDNTT Proof Set 1: A-D	1975-1976
6	NIDNTT Proof Set 1: E, F	1975-1976
7	NIDNTT Proof Set 1: G	1975-1976

**Box 11: New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	NIDNTT Proof Set 1: H-J	1975-1976
2	NIDNTT Proof Set 1: K, L	1975-1976
3	NIDNTT Proof Set 1: M, N	1975-1976

**Box 12: New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	NIDNTT Proof Set 1: O	1975-1976
2	NIDNTT Proof Set 1: P	1975-1976
3	NIDNTT Proof Set 1: Q-R	1975-1976
4	NIDNTT Proof Set 1: S	1975-1976

**Box 13: New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	NIDNTT Proof Set 1: T-Z	1975-1976
2-4	NIDNTT Proof Set 2	

**Box 14: Proofs by Colin Brown**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Philosophy & the Christian Faith Bradford Bellevue BHS Magazine Escape from Reason (both in Oversize map drawer #4)	proof
2	The Gospel of Luke, The New International Greek Testament Commentary, ed I. Howard Marshall and W. Ward Gasque	1978, proof
3	The Gospel of Luke, The New International Greek Testament Commentary, ed I. Howard Marshall and W. Ward Gasque	1978, proof

**Series IV: Articles and Related Correspondence, 1961-2010. Boxes 14-17.****Box 14: Articles and Related Correspondence**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
4	Colin Brown's list of short articles in books, journals, and the popular press	October 2005
5	The Hermeneutics of Confession and Accusation, <i>Calvin Theological Journal</i>	1995
6	Miracles in a Critical Age, <i>Catalyst: Contemporary Evangelical Resources for United Methodist Seminarians</i>	1984
7	<i>Church of England Newspaper – Theological Outlook</i>	1963
8	<i>Church of England Newspaper – Theological Outlook</i>	1963-1965
9	<i>Church of England Newspaper</i>	1965
10	Karl Barth's Doctrine of Creation, <i>The Churchman</i>	1961
11	What's Right (or Good) with the Enlightenment, <i>Christianity Today</i>	1990-1991
12	<i>Dictionary of Christian Theology</i>	1984-1985

**Box 15: Articles and Related Correspondence**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	<i>Dictionary of the Christian Church</i>	1970
2	<i>Encyclopedia of Christianity</i>	1971
3	<i>Evangelical Dictionary of Theology</i> , Baker Book House	c.1994-1996

4	The Presuppositions of Anglicanism, <i>Faith &amp; Thought</i>	1971
5	<i>Lion Handbook of Christian History</i>	1976
6	<i>The Theological Students' Fellowship Bulletin</i>	1964-1966
7	<i>Tyndale Family Bible Encyclopedia</i>	1978-1979
8	Zondervan Publishing House	1967-1972
9	Miscellaneous articles and related correspondence	1980-1990

**Box 15: Typescripts by Colin Brown**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
10	Moral Questions by Frank Colquhoun	1975
11	Entries for dictionaries or encyclopedias	c.1978
12	Draft of introduction to book on ministry	
13	Note – The Laying on of Hands	
14	An Anglican Viewpoint	
15	Training for Ministry	
16	<i>Scientology</i>	1979, report

**Box 16: Typescripts by Colin Brown**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	<i>Scientology</i> , compiled by Colin Brown, donated to Fuller Library	1979, binder
2	The Resurrection in Contemporary Theology, Colin Brown	
3	Scripture and Christology: A Protestant Look at the World of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, Colin Brown	
4	With the Grain and Against the Grain – A Strategy for Reading the Synoptic Gospels, Colin Brown	
5	13. Doing Christology without the Historical Jesus	2010, RBL
6	17. A History of Debates on Miracle, Colin Brown	Binder
7	Part 1. Directions Old and New, “Christological Gridlock: The Present Versus the Past”	2010, binder

**Box 17: Book Reviews**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Book reviews by Colin Brown	1961-1964
2	Book reviews by Colin Brown	1964-1973
3	Book reviews by Colin Brown	1969-1994
4	Book reviews by Colin Brown	1976-1986
5	Reviews of Colin Brown's books	1968-1987
6	Reviews of <i>Miracles and the Critical Mind</i>	1984-1986
7	Reviews of <i>That You May Believe</i>	1986-1987
8	Reviews of <i>History and Faith</i>	1988-1989
9	Reviews of <i>History, Criticism and Faith</i>	1977-1978
10	Reviews of <i>Christianity and Western Thought</i>	1989-1993
11	Reviews of <i>Jesus in European Protestant Thought</i>	1985-1990

12	Reviews of <i>New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology</i>	1977-1982
13	Oxford Summer School in Religious Studies letter and brochures	
14	Thompson, Thomas L. – “Historicity of the Patriarchal Narratives”	1976, photocopy
15	“A Retrospective on Retrospective Voting” by Roderick Kiewiet and Douglas Rivers	1984
16	Harvard University research materials – presidents, administration – politics of Jesus?	c.2010

**Series V: Published Books and Articles, 1966-1994. Boxes 18.****Box 18: Books and Articles**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	<i>Karl Barth and the Christian Message</i>	1967
2	“Charles Gore” in <i>Creative Minds in Contemporary Theology</i>	1966
3	“Bultmann Revisited” reprint from <i>The Churchman</i> Vol. 88 No. 3	1974
4-6	New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology	1986
7	<i>Miracles and the Critical Mind</i>	1984
8	<i>Jesus in European Protestant Thought</i>	1985
9	“Synoptic Miracle Stories” in <i>Forum</i> Vol. 2 No.4	1986
10	“Miracle” in <i>The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia</i>	1986
11	“Person of Christ” in <i>The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia</i>	1986
12	“Trinity and Incarnation” in <i>Ex Auditu</i> Vol. 7	1991
13	“Scripture and Christology” in <i>Perspectives on Christology: Essays in Honor of Raul K. Jewett</i>	1991
14	“Quest of Historical Jesus” in <i>Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels</i>	1992
15	“The Gates of Hell and the Church” in <i>Church, Word &amp; Spirit: Historical and Theological Essays in Honor of Geoffrey W. Bromiley</i>	1987
16	“The Gates of Hell: An Alternative Approach”, Society of Biblical Literature 1987 Seminar Papers.	1987
17	“The Unjust Steward” in <i>Worship, Theology and Ministry in the Early Church: Essays in Honor of Ralph P. Martin</i>	1992
18	The Doctrine of the Trinity and the Shape of the Christological Question	1994
19	“The Teaching Office of the Church” in <i>The Churchman</i> Vol. 83 No. 3	1969
20	<i>History and Faith: A Personal Exploration</i>	1987
21	<i>Christianity and Western Thought</i>	1990

22	"The Hermeneutical Significance of 1 Cor. 2:6-16" (translation) in <i>Tradition and Interpretation in the New Testament: Essays in Honor of E. Earle Ellis</i> .	1987
23-27	Liddon, <i>Life of Pusey</i> , 4 vols. Explanation of the signature, E. Lincoln, in vol. 1	