

A Complete Categorized Greek-English New Testament Vocabulary. By David Holly. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1978, pp. xi + 129, \$6.95 paper.

In a day when various aids for the student of NT Greek appear regularly on the market, one may well greet the appearance of another with a certain degree of reserve. In fact, however, Holly's book brings together material from several different sources into one convenient handbook, and therefore it has a certain usefulness.

The book is divided into four parts. In Part One, all words occurring ten times or more are classified according to their types—that is, all words like *archē*, *-ēs* (feminine first declension) are grouped together, all words like *harpax*, *-agos* (guttural stem, masculine third declension) are grouped together, and so forth. Adjectives, verbs and prepositions are all variously grouped. Holly normally provides the frequency of occurrence according to his own count (following Moulton and Geden) and according to *Concordance de la Bible Nouveau Testament*.

In Part Two, Holly provides a list of words occurring fewer than ten times, arranged alphabetically according to descending frequency. In other words this section begins where Metzger's *Lexical Aids* leaves off, except that it gives a little more information in terms of classification and a little less in terms of mnemonic helps. In Part Three, Holly offers an alphabetical listing of proper names and proper adjectives.

The final and longest section of the book provides several different things: a general

alphabetical index of all words with their respective classifications and frequencies; critical notes concerning the frequencies; a list of words in Moulton and Geden but not in Nestle-Aland (unfortunately not the latest edition); a grammatical index of all words under their proper classifications (nouns, indeclinable nouns, Hebrew words, and so forth), complete with frequencies; a list of orthographic and accentual differences between Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich (unfortunately not the latest edition) and Moulton and Geden; and a complete list of the words occurring only in one book of the NT.

Holly's work has been handwritten but is legible without difficulty. This has obviously been a labor of love, and errors are surprisingly infrequent.

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