

**HELPS Ministries/  
Discovery Bible Faculty**

# Founders

- Dr. Gary Hill, General Editor of *The Discovery Bible*
- Dr. Gleason Archer, Consulting Editor of *The Discovery Bible*

# Dr. Gary Hill (General Editor of TDB)



Gary Hill, *cum laude* (B.S.) in education from Chicago State University, pursued graduate theological studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (TEDS/TIU 1972-73). In 1990 he was awarded an honorary doctoral degree (Litt.D.) in recognition of his work in biblical Hebrew and Greek embodied in the best-selling study Bible, *The Discovery Bible New Testament*. Dr. Hill also planted and pastored three local churches in the Chicago area and has conducted seminars in hundreds of cities, in a dozen countries, teaching “original-language institutes” for accelerated Bible reading. He now leads HELPS Ministries in the production of *The Discovery Bible* and directs the Bible-Discovery Training course for pastors and teachers in developing countries. Dr. Hill and his wife Joan live together in Chicago, IL.

# Dr. Gleason Archer (Consulting Editor of TDB)



May 22, 1916 – April 27, 2004

- Dr. Archer (Ph.D, Harvard, comparative linguistics) was an internationally-respected leader in Biblical theology who served 26 years on *The Discovery Bible* project (started in 1976). Dr. Archer also served as a chief translator of the *New American Standard Bible*, a full-term translator of the *New International Version*, and contributed OT sections to *The Berkeley Version*. He was known for his firm belief in the full authority and inerrancy of Scripture and his gift of languages (he learned 30 languages). Most importantly, Dr. Archer was unwavering in his commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. His love for the Scriptures is perhaps best remembered by his Bible reading schedule – done daily in 18 different languages on a rotating basis!
- Dr. Archer had an extensive publishing career. The titles of his published books, monographs, and articles span eight pages. His books include: *Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties*, *Survey of OT Introduction*, and *Theological Wordbook of the OT*.

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H = Hermeneutics

E = Exegesis

L = Linguistics

P = Prophecy (incl. historical fulfillments)

S = Select Quotations (from 1,000 reference works plus re-worked materials from the extended HELPS faculty)

# What is H.E.L.P.S.?

- Many of these “HELPS” features can be accessed through the various tabs in *The Discovery Bible* software.

**Extended HELPS/  
Discovery Bible Faculty**



# 8 Key Contributors

## *Old Testament:*

- Dr. Eugene Merrill
- Dr. Walter Kaiser
- Dr. Baruch Korman
- Dr. Stanley Horton (with the Lord)
- Dr. Thomas McComiskey (with the Lord)

## *Studying the Old Testament as Literature:*

- Dr. Leland Ryken

## *New Testament:*

- Dr. Grant Osborne (with the Lord)
- Dr. Jerry Horner

# Dr. Eugene Merrill (OT)



- An Old Testament scholar who has served as a distinguished professor of Old Testament studies at Dallas Theological Seminary (arguably their most highly published author), and in 2010 as president of the Evangelical Theological Society.
- A conservative scholar with over 40 years of graduate teaching experience in OT Hebrew.

# Dr. Walter Kaiser (OT)

- An evangelical Old Testament scholar, writer, public speaker, and educator who was previous Academic Dean at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and former President of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.
- A conservative scholar with over 40 years of graduate teaching experience in OT Hebrew. He holds a PhD from Brandeis University in Semitic Studies (83 years old, and just got married last year).



# Dr. Baruch Korman (OT)



- An Old Testament scholar who is the senior lecturer at the Zera Avraham Institute based in Israel and teaches on television networks around the world ("Love Israel"; see also [lovelsrael.org](http://lovelsrael.org)).
- An ordained Messianic rabbi with a PhD in Biblical Linguistics (Jewish Studies). He is a dear friend, colleague, and endorser.

# Dr. Stanley Horton (OT)

## 1916 –2014



- A renowned scholar, prolific writer and worldwide lecturer, was recognized as Pentecostalism's "premier theologian." As a child of the Azusa Street revival and Mission, Horton served, in the words of General Superintendent George O. Wood, as a "bridge linking the Azusa revival to the present day." Dr. Horton was licensed with the Assemblies of God in 1942, and he was ordained in 1946.
- A Harvard graduate in Semitics with two doctoral degrees, Dr. Horton was named distinguished professor emeritus of Bible and Theology at the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, now Evangel University, where he taught from 1978 through 1991. Prior to that, he served as chair of the Bible Department at Central Bible College from 1948 through 1978 and professor at Metropolitan Bible Institute from 1945 through 1948. He traveled the world visiting 25 countries as a lecturer until age 92. He authored dozens of books and manuals and has published more than 250 articles and book reviews.

# **Dr. Thomas McComiskey (OT)**

**1928 – 1996**

- Dr. McComiskey was professor of Old Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and was presiding fellow of the American College of Biblical Theologians, a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and the Evangelical Theological Society.
- A conservative scholar with 30 years of graduate teaching experience in OT Hebrew. He was likewise a contributor-endorser of this project, and highly published in OT Studies.

# Dr. Leland Ryken



- A Bible scholar, author of over 30 books and more than 100 articles and essays, devoting much of his scholarship to Bible translations and the study of the Bible as literature – see his *Literary Study Bible*/Crossway Pub, co-authored with his son Philip Ryken (now president of Wheaton College).
- He also served as Literary Chairman for the *English Standard Version (ESV)*. In 2003 he received the Gutenberg Award for his contributions to understanding the Bible. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Oregon.
- He is now 75, taught 50 years at Wheaton as distinguished professor of Literature and Biblical Studies.

# **Dr. Grant Osborne (NT)**

## **Jul 7, 1942 – Nov 4, 2018**



- A theologian and New Testament scholar who has served as a professor of New Testament studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He is arguably the most respected and widely published authority in hermeneutics in the world.
- A conservative scholar with over 40 years of graduate teaching experience in NT Greek.



# Dr. Jerry Horner (NT)



- He was ordained and became a pastor at the age of 18. Since then, he has served as president, dean, professor and administrator of several prestigious Christian Colleges and Universities: as founding academic dean at Regent University (Virginia Beach, VA, founded by Pat Robertson), academic dean at ORU (Oral Roberts University), president of Bethesda Christian College, CA. He has authored many books, journal articles and other publications and is the New Testament editor of the highly acclaimed *Spirit-Filled Life Bible*. Dr Horner is also a prolific preacher and teacher and his international ministry takes him to many churches, conferences and conventions around the world. Additionally, he engages in extensive mission work in more than 100 countries.
- A conservative scholar with 47 years as a university professor and administrator. He has done post-doctoral studies at Cambridge University.

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All eight (three deceased plus Dr. Archer) of the extended HELPS faculty-team share this in common:

- PhD's, highly published, and believe the Scripture says what it means and means what it says, thus endorsing the classical values and principles of Hebrew and Greek grammar, inerrancy etc.
- They have all permitted HELPS Ministries to interview them with permission to pass on their comments and works (over 200 esteemed commentaries, monographs, essays in learned journals, entries in Bible encyclopedias etc., etc.) – with just the titles of published works spanning 70 pages.
- Together they have taught over *300 years at the graduate level at eminent* seminaries, etc.

These men represent the very best of "the old guard," committed to safeguarding the historical-grammatical methods of exegesis, hermeneutics, and sound doctrine.