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## Wilson's "Exploring our Hebraic Heritage: A Christian Theology of Roots and Renewal" (Book Review)

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**Everyday Bias: Identifying and Navigating Unconscious Judgments  
in Our Daily Lives,**

by H. J. Ross. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2014. 206 pp. \$30.00.  
ISBN 9781442230835

*Reviewed by Laura E. Walton, Circulation Librarian, Miller Library,  
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Howard Ross, a diversity expert, consultant, and founder of Cook-Ross, Inc., writes an in-depth look into the human mind and explores the known and unknown biases that constantly shape our thoughts and actions. Ross begins with an explanation of what bias is and moves on to how bias shapes both our personal lives and the current events in our communities and around the world. He then gives practical strategies to help the reader learn how to live and make choices free from their unconscious bias.

Ross's career has been spent consulting with businesses and providing diversity training and leadership development. Because the bulk of his career has been in the business world, his writing naturally tends to gravitate towards a business audience. While the text may not be extremely helpful for researchers or scholars, I believe this text would be helpful for business students and those who are currently in the workforce. Ultimately, I wouldn't say this text is essential to any collection but it could be a valuable addition for those interested in the topic of bias and how it is manifested.

**Exploring our Hebraic Heritage:  
A Christian Theology of Roots and Renewal,**

by Marvin R. Wilson, Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2014. 304 pp. \$22.00.  
ISBN 9780802871453

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Marvin R. Wilson's *Exploring our Hebraic Heritage* invites readers to consider the shared theological, spiritual, and ethical themes of Judaism and Christianity to help Christian readers of every kind realize their theological and spiritual roots. As a sequel to Wilson's *Our Father Abraham: Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith*, which was a broader look at Hebraic thought and the shared background of both faiths, this book zeroes in on the themes of the Hebrew Scriptures which have the greatest impact upon Christian identity, experience, and understanding.

Wilson accomplishes his purpose in five parts. The first part gives readers a few pointers for doing Christian theology well before introducing Hebraic patterns

of doing theology. It continues with a discussion of the Tanakh as the foundation of Hebraic and Christian teaching. Part two focuses on the people of God as an Abrahamic family and discusses the implications of the fact that Christianity really began with Abraham. Part three introduces readers to the person of God in decidedly Hebraic terms. Part four explores life with God through worship, prayer, repentance, and wrestling with God. The final part looks to the future, gently binding old wounds between church and synagogue and proposing that Christians and Jews can benefit from mutual understanding. It also proposes that readers can flourish and uphold society through the study of scripture. The jewel of this book is its attention to rabbinical writings as legitimate commentary on the scriptures.

Readable but scholarly, this book may serve as a part of the curriculum for theology students or as reference material for theological research. It includes review questions at the end of each chapter and a generous bibliography. Satisfyingly theological, it weaves around doctrinal minutia to help all Christians explore their Hebraic heritage.

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**First & Second Kings: Apollos Old Testament Commentary,**

by Lissa M. Wray Beal, Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2014. 615 pp. \$45.00.  
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*Reviewed by Sean J. McNulty, Director of Library Services,  
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This lengthy tome is part of the Apollos Old Testament Commentary series. The target audience of the this commentary, like the rest of the series, is preachers, teachers and students of the Bible. That audience will find this work very helpful, insightful, and enjoyable to read. It is comprehensive in its treatment of the biblical text. The commentary begins with an introduction which covers such issues as date, authorship, theology, and critical issues of contemporary scholarship. Beal discusses the commonly held scholarly view regarding the influence of Deuteronomy on 1 and 2 Kings, and the chronological problems of Kings directing readers to the important works on this issue.

Beal deals with each biblical chapter as a unit for the most part. Sometimes she finds it necessary to cover more than one chapter in a unit. Each chapter or unit is made up of five sections. The first is a fresh new translation of the biblical text that can be compared with other translations. Then a section on notes follows. The scholar will find them useful since they deal with grammar and textual variants between the Masoretic, the Septuagint, and other ancient translations. Then follows a section on form and structure. This section includes an analysis of the text for rhetorical