

The *HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies* 70 year anniversary volume – dedicated to Johan Buitendag

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Introduction

This anniversary volume in celebration of the 70th volume of *HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies* is dedicated to Prof. Dr Johan Buitendag, dean of the Faculty of Theology at the University of Pretoria at the event of his 60th birthday on 20 November 2013.

The 70th jubilee marks the publication's 29th year under the editorship of Andries van Aarde, annually appointed since 1985, by the editorial board as the editor-in-chief. *HTS* celebrated its 50th jubilee in 1994. Through many changes in matters of policy, the main purpose of *HTS* has remained the same. *HTS* promotes multidisciplinary, religious, and biblical aspects of studies in the international arena and publishes original research covering three main areas: Structural subjects – Systematic Theology and Church History; Foundation subjects – Old and New Testament Studies; and Applied subjects – Practical Theology and Science of Religion. The current Johan Buitendag Dedication volume includes also the first A.S. Geyser Commemoration Lecture and a number of articles which resulted from an academic symposium on the theme 'Social Cohesion'.

HTS was founded in 1943 as a result of an international endeavour involving Dutch and South African scholars, and is the oldest theological journal in South Africa. Its historical roots date back to 1942 when the Cape Town based international Dutch company, HAUM/Du Buissy Publishing House, became the first sponsor of the initiative taken by theologians of the University of Pretoria in cooperation with scholars in the Netherlands. The Netherdutch Reformed Church of Africa purchased HAUM/Du Buissy and became the title owner of *HTS*. Today the administration of *HTS* is located at the University of Pretoria as part of the infrastructure of the Reformed Theological College (founded in 2000).

Up until Volume 64 in 2008, four issues were published annually. Prof. Dr J. de Zwaan (Leiden), Prof. Dr H.W. Obbink (Utrecht) and Prof. Dr B. Gemser (Groningen) from the Netherlands played an influential role in the first editorial board together with the Dutch-born internationally renowned Old Testament and Semitic languages scholar, Prof. Dr A. van Selms. During the first four years of *HTS*'s existence (1943–1947/1948), academics from the University of Pretoria who served on the editorial board, together with Professor Van Selms and the above-mentioned Dutch scholars, were Professors J.H.J.A. Greyvenstein (New Testament Studies and Practical Theology), S.P. Engelbrecht (Church History) and A.S. Geyser (New Testament Studies). At the beginning of 2009, commencing with Volume 65 of *HTS*, the Netherdutch Reformed Church of Africa entered into a publishing agreement with African Online Scientific Information Systems (Pty) Ltd (AOSIS). This company provides various services, including but not limited to the provision of scholarly publication services through its scholarly publishing division known as 'AOSIS OpenJournals'.

HTS is archived in major bibliographic databases such as: GALE, CENGAGE Learning; ProQuest; Google Scholar; SciELO SA (Academy of Science for South Africa); Elsevier Scopus; Directory of Open Access Journals; EBSCO Host; Thomson Reuters ISI (Arts and Humanities) Citation Index; SA ePublications, Sabinet; African Journals Online; ATLA Religion Database (American Theological Library Association); Bibliographical Information Bank in Patristics (Université Laval, Québec, Canada); Elenchus of Biblical Bibliography (Editrice Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Rome, Italy); International Bibliography of Periodical Literature [IBZ] (Osnabrück, Germany); International Bibliography of Book Reviews of Scholarly Literature (Osnabrück, Germany); New Testament Abstracts (Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Chestnut Hill MA, United States of America); Old Testament Abstracts (Catholic University of America, Washington DC, United States of America); Religious and Theological Abstracts (Cambridge MA, United States of America); UPSpace (University of Pretoria, South Africa); and AOSIS OpenJournals Harvester. In the Netherlands *HTS* is accredited as an AA journal. On account of ISI Citation Percentage, *HTS* is ranked in the World Wide Web of Science



amongst the five top South African journals (all disciplines included).

With its 70 year anniversary volume *HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies* pays tribute to Prof. Dr Johan Buitendag, a valued member and former chairperson of the editorial board and currently dean of the Faculty of Theology at the University of Pretoria. The Johan Buitendag Dedication volume celebrates Professor Buitendag's 60th birthday on 20 November 2013. In the article 'Theology as understanding

reality – thinking differently, acting differently: Notes about the theology of Johan Buitendag',¹ written by the editor and one of his former students, Dr Tanya van Wyk, this tribute is further substantiated by reflecting on this eminent theologian's academic oeuvre.

Prof. Dr Andries G. van Aarde

Editor-in-chief: *HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies*

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1.The article is written in Afrikaans and published in the current volume (*HTS* 70, Issue 1, 2014).

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Appendix 1 Curriculum Vitae Johan Buitendag

Johan Buitendag, born 20 November 1953, is appointed as dean of the Faculty of Theology at the University of Pretoria in 2010. He is an ordained minister of the Netherdutch Reformed Church of Africa. He studied during 1984–1985 in Erlangen (Germany) for his doctoral degree and attained his DD in Systematic Theology from the University of Pretoria in 1985. In 1995 he obtained a MCom in Business Management from the Rand Afrikaans University (today the University of Johannesburg). In 2001 he is appointed as professor in Systematic Theology at the University of Pretoria and served as head of department from 2004 to 2010. He was elected as moderator of the Netherdutch Reformed Church of Africa for the term 2004–2007. He is a member of the South African Academy for Science and Art, as well as a member of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), the International Reformed Theological Institute (IRTI), the European Society for the Study of Science and Theology (ESSSAT), the Ian Ramsey Centre for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religious Beliefs in Relation to the Sciences and Medicine (annually at Oxford University, United Kingdom), and the Dogmatological Society of South Africa.

Personal data

- Born 20 November 1953 in Vanderbijlpark, South Africa
- Spouse Engela Hoenderdos. Passed away 07 July 2014
- Three sons, Adriaan, Nico and Johan

Formal education

1. University of Pretoria

- *Baccalareus Artium*: Greek, Hebrew and Philosophy (1975)
- *Baccalareus Divinitatis*: Theology (1978)
- *Doctor Divinitatis*: Systematic Theology, 'Skepping en Ekologie: 'n Sistematie se ondersoek na die teologiese verstaan of the werklikheid' (1985)

2. Rand Afrikaans University (University of Johannesburg)

- *Magister Commercii*: Business Management, 'Die "Derde Golf" Bestuur' (1995)

Lecturer and Professor

- 1982–1983: Part time lecturer, University of South Africa (UNISA)
- 1989–1999: Part time lecturer, University of Pretoria
- 2001–2004: Associate professor, Department Dogmatics and Christian Ethics, Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria
- 2005: Full professor, Department Dogmatics and Christian Ethics, Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria
- 2008–2010: Chairperson, Department Dogmatics and Christian Ethics, Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria
- 2004–2010: Vice-dean of the Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria
- 2010: Dean of the Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria

Guest lectures

- University of Utrecht (2001, 2006)
- University of Erlangen (2001, 2007)
- University of California (Berkeley) (GTU) (2002)
- Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Nederland (2007, 2011, 2012, 2013)
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (2009, 2012, 2013)
- Protestant University of Cameroon (2010)
- Stellenbosch University (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013)
- University of the Free State (2011, 2012, 2013)
- Copper Belt University, Kitwe (2011)

- University of Edinburgh (2011)
- Fordham University, New York City (2011)

Minister of Religion

- Minister of the Netherdutch Reformed Church (NRCA), Parkrand (1979–1983), Randburg (1985–1989) and Stellenbosch (campus chaplain) (1994–2000)
- Moderator of the Commission of the General Synod of the NRCA Member during 2001–2007 and chairperson 2004–2007
- Serves on the NRCA's Committee for Liturgy and Confession from 2001–2007
- Serves on the NRCA's Council of Finances during 1997–2001
- Head of Religion at the South African Broadcast Corporation during 1989–1994
- Western Cape Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), as member (1994–2000) and as chair (1999–2000)
- Member of the Reformed Churches of South Africa's ecumenical committee for international cooperation. Acted as guest speaker at the General Synod of the Reformed Church of Australia in June 2004.

International scholarly societies, committees and teaching associations

Membership

- International Reformed Theological Institute (IRTI)
- European Society for the Study of Science and Theology (ESSSAT)
- Ian Ramsey Centre for the interdisciplinary study of religious beliefs in relation to the sciences and medicine, annually at Oxford University, United Kingdom
- American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Scholarly Participation

- National Religious Broadcasting (NRB), Washington 1993
- Ecology and Theology, UNISA 1987
- International Reformed Theological Institute (IRTI), Stellenbosch 1998
- International Reformed Theological Institute (IRTI), Princeton 2001
- Centre for Theology & Natural Sciences (CTNS), Kansas City 2002
- European Society for the Study of Science and Theology (ESSSAT), Barcelona 2004.
- Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford 2005
- International Reformed Theological Institute (IRTI), Korea 2006
- LEST (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) 2007
- International Reformed Theological Institute (IRTI), France, 2009
- Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford, 2009, 2010, 2011
- Chair: Editorial Board of *HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies* (2004–2010)
- Member of Editorial Board, *Radboud Theological Journal of Theology* (2011–)
- International Evaluation Panel (Dogmatics), PThU, 2012

National scholarly societies, committees and teaching associations

Membership

- Theological Society of South Africa (TSSA)
- South African Academy for Science and Art
- Society for the Study of Theology (SST)

Academic Administrative Participation

- Chair: Editorial Board of *HTS Teologiese Studies/HTS Theological Studies* (2004–2010)
- International Evaluation Panel (Dogmatics), UFS, 2013



Academic papers: Conference addresses, lectures and presentations

- Academic paper delivered at the XIV ESSSAT Conference, 'In Search for an Eco-Theological Definition of Human Life', Tartu, April 2012
- Academic paper delivered at the retirement of Prof. L.J. van den Brom, 'Van den Brom's concept of relationality as a prerequisite towards a revisited natural theology', PThU Kampen, September 2011
- Academic paper, 'John Polkinghorne's understanding of Trinitarian Theology as a heuristic tool for interpreting reality', Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford Universiteit, July 2010
- Academic paper delivered at Inaugural address, 'From a Natural Theology to a Theology of Nature', University of Pretoria, June 2009
- Academic paper, 'An evolutionary epistemology', Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford University, June 2009
- Academic paper, 'The "descent into hell" of Christ', International Reformed Theological Institute (IRTI), in Aix-en-Provence, July 2009
- Academic paper, 'The church's corporate identity', International Reformed Theological Institute (IRTI), Seoul, July 2005
- Academic paper, 'Analogia Fidei revisited from a postmodern perspective', European Society for the Study of Science and Theology (ESSSAT), Barcelona, April 2004
- Conference presentation, 'Christenvroue in 'n postmoderne samelewing. Oftewel: Die aroma van Christenskap in hierdie wêreld!', 43rd National Conference of the Netherdutch Reformed Sister Society, April 2002, published in *HTS Theological Studies/Teologiese Studies* 58(3)

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 - 2000, 'Die kindernagmaal'
 - 1999, 'Die Belhar-Belydenis'
 - 1995, 'Druivesap met Nagmaal?'
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