

## **NOBLE, THOMAS ARTHUR, MA, BD, PhD.**

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### **I. Faculty Appointments**

- 1976 – 88 Lecturer in Christian Theology and Church History, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester
- 1988 – 96 Senior Lecturer in Christian Theology and Church History, NTC
- 1996 --2014 Professor of Theology, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City
- 1996 --2008 Visiting Lecturer and PhD Research Supervisor, Nazarene Theological College
- 2008-- Senior Research Fellow in Theology, Nazarene Theological College
- 2014-- Research Professor, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City

### **II. Post-Secondary Education**

<u>Date Awarded</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Degree, Diploma</u>
1969	The University of Glasgow	Master of Arts (Honours in History and Politics)
1971	Jordanhill College of Education	Teaching Certificate (Secondary) with Glasgow University DipEd classes in Education and Psychology
1976	The University of Edinburgh	Bachelor of Divinity (Honours in Christian Dogmatics) Prizewinner in Ecclesiastical History Dissertation on the Epistemology of Augustine's <i>De Trinitate</i>
1989	The University of Edinburgh Thesis Title:	Doctor of Philosophy <u><i>The Deity of the Holy Spirit according To Gregory of Nazianzus</i></u>

### **III. Other Professional Experience**

- 1970 – 73 Cathkin High School, Lanarkshire, Teacher of History
- 1993 – 96 External Examiner in Religious Studies, University of Glamorgan
- 1995 – 96 Review Editor, The European Journal of Theology
- 2008 External PhD Examiner for University of Wales
- 2011 External PhD Examiner for the University of St Andrews
- 2013 External PhD Examiner for the University of Edinburgh
- 2013 External PhD Examiner for the University of St Andrews
- 2014 External PhD Examiner for the University of Aberdeen
- 2015 External MPhil Examiner for the University of St Andrews

## IV. Publications

### A. Books and Articles

#### 1. Academic

- 'Our Knowledge of God According to John Calvin,' *Evangelical Quarterly* 54 (1982), pp. 2-13.
- 'Augustinianism,' *Beacon Dictionary of Theology*, Kansas City: Beacon Hill, 1983.
- 'Gregory Nazianzen's Use of Scripture in Defence of the Deity of the Spirit,' *Tyndale Bulletin* 39 (1988), pp. 101-124.
- 'Basil of Caesarea', 'Gregory of Nazianzen', 'Gregory of Nyssa' and Torrance, Thomas F.', *New Dictionary of Theology*, Leicester: IVP, 1988.
- 'Church of the Nazarene', 'Hynd, David', 'Sharpe, Jane Brayton', and 'Winchester, Olive Mary', *Dictionary of Scottish Church History and Theology*, Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1993.
- 'Paradox in Gregory Nazianzen's Doctrine of the Trinity,' *Studia Patristica* XXVII, ed E A Livingstone, Leuven: Peeters, 1993.
- 'Scripture and Experience,' *A Pathway into the Holy Scriptures* (ed. Philip E. Satterthwaite and David F. Wright), Eerdmans, 1994, 277-295
- 'The Spirit World: A Theological Approach,' *The Unseen World. Christian Reflections on Angels, Demons and the Heavenly Realm* (ed. Anthony N.S. Lane), Baker, 1996, 185-223
- 'Scripture and Experience' [abbreviated version], *Themelios*, 23 (1997), 30-39
- 'Gregory Nazianzen's Biblical Christology,' *Interpreting the Bible. Historical and Theological Studies in Honour of David F. Wright* (ed. A.N.S. Lane), Apollos, 1997, 1-28
- 'The Knowledge of the Glory of God,' *The Tower*, 1 (1997), 9-23
- 'Sermons on Christian Holiness,' *The Tower*, 2 (1998),
- 'Prolegomena for a Conference on Original Sin,' *European Explorations in Christian Holiness*, 2 (2001), 6-18.
- 'The Doctrine of Original Sin in the Evangelical Reformers,' *European Explorations in Christian Holiness*, 2 (2001), 70-87.
- 'The Epicureans,' *The Tower*, 4 (2001)
- 'East and West in the Theology of John Wesley' [paper from the 2003 Tercentenary Conference, 'John Wesley, Life, Legacy and Legend'], *Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester*, Vol. 85, 2 & 3, (2003), 359-372
- 'Worship in Spirit and in Truth,' *The Tower*, 8 (2004), 14-30
- 'Theological Perspectives on Clergy Sexual Misconduct,' *The Tower*, 8 (2004), 40-48
- Tyndale House and Fellowship: The First Sixty Years*, Leicester: IVP, 2006, 336pp
- Called to be Saints: A Centenary History of the Church of the Nazarene in the British Isles, 1906-2006*, Manchester: Didsbury Press, 2006, 351pp.
- 'Cappadocians', 'Celsus', 'Cyril of Alexandria', 'Dionysius', 'Gregory Palamas' in *New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*, Leicester:

- IVP, 2006
- 'Eschatology in the Church Fathers,' *What Are We Waiting For?* (ed. Russell Rook and Stephen Holmes), Paternoster, 2008
- Editor (with R.J. Berry), *Darwin, Creation and the Fall: Theological Challenges*, IVP: Nottingham, 2009
- Foreword (with R.J. Berry), *Darwin, Creation and the Fall*, 11-29
- 'Original Sin and the Fall: Definitions and a Proposal,' *Darwin, Creation and the Fall*, 99-129
- 'Epilogue: The Sea of Faith – Darwin Didn't Drain It' (with R.J. Berry), *Darwin, Creation and the Fall*, 197-204
- 'A White Paper on Article X', with Paul M. Bassett *et al*, in *Didache: Faithful Teaching* (on-line journal), Vol.10:1-9 (June, 2010)
- 'John Wesley as a Theologian: An Introduction', *Evangelical Quarterly*, Vol. 82:3 (July, 2010), 238-257
- 'To Serve the Present Age: Authentic Wesleyan Theology Today,' The 2010 WTS Presidential Address,' *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 46:1 (2011), 73-89
- 'The Mission of the Holy Trinity,' *Missio Dei, A Wesleyan Understanding*, ed. K. Schwanz & J. Coleson, Kansas City: Beacon Hill, 2011, 77-84
- 'Kenosis,' *Missio Dei, A Wesleyan Understanding*, ed. K. Schwanz & J. Coleson, Kansas City: Beacon Hill, 2011, 85-91
- 'Celebrating Our Wesleyan Theological Heritage,' *A Holy Purpose*, ed. Bill Wiesman, Kansas City: Beacon Hill, 2011, 99-107
- 'Only Exclusivism Will Do: Gavin D'Costa's Change of Mind,' *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 48:1 (Spring, 2013), 62-72
- 'Justification', 'Person', 'Systematic Theology', 'Trinity', *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology*, ed. Al Truesdale, Kansas City: Beacon Hill, 2013
- Foreword to Stan Rodes, *From Faith to Faith: John Wesley's Covenant Theology and the Way of Salvation*, Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2013
- Holy Trinity: Holy People. The Theology of Christian Perfecting* (Didsbury Lecture Series), Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2013, 242pp.
- 'T.F. Torrance on the Centenary of His Birth: A Biographical and Theological Synopsis with Personal Reminiscences,' *Participatio: Journal of the T.F. Torrance Theological Fellowship*, Vol. 4 (2013), 8-29
- 'The Wesleys and the Evangelical Tradition,' *The Path of Holiness: Perspectives in Wesleyan Thought in Honor [sic] of Herbert B. McGonigle*, eds Joseph W. Cunningham and David Rainey (Lexington, KY: Emeth Press, 2014), 27-42.
- Foreword to Dick O. Eugenio, *Communion with the Triune God: The Trinitarian Soteriology of T.F. Torrance*, Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2014
- Foreword to Jason Robert Radcliff, *Thomas F. Torrance and the Church Fathers: A Reformed, Evangelical, and Ecumenical Reconstruction*, Eugene, OR, Pickwick, 2014
- Foreword to Mildred Bangs Wynkoop, *A Theology of Love*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2015
- 'The "Necessity" of Anselm: The Argument of the *Cur Deus Homo*,' *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 50:1 (2015), 53-66
- Trinidade Santa: Povo Santo. A Teologia da Perfeição Cristã* (Série

- Palestras Didsbury*), trans. Izilda Peixoto Bella, Maceió [Brazil]: Editora Sal Cultural, 2015
- 'Darwin and Theology,' *Aldersgate Papers*, Vol. 11 (June 2015): 133-154; also *Didache*, 15:1 (2015) [<http://didache.nazarene.org/index.php/volume-15-number-1>]
- Editor (with Jason S. Sexton) of *The Holy Trinity Revisited: Essays in Response to Stephen R. Holmes*, Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2015
- Foreword and Conclusion (with Jason S. Sexton) to *The Holy Trinity Revisited*
- Editor (with Martin Davie, Tim Grass, Stephen R. Holmes and John McDowell) of *New Dictionary of Theology: Historical and Systematic*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., London and Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 2016, 1016pp.
- Editors' Preface, 'Anthropology', 'Celtic Christianity', 'Conservative Theology', 'Council of Constantinople', 'Creation and Evolution', 'Demythologization', 'Eschatology', 'Faith', 'Gift, Theology of', 'Heresy', 'Historical Theology', 'Humanism', 'Humanism (Renaissance)', 'Intermediate State', 'Liberal Theology', 'Perfection, Perfectionism', 'Pinnock, Clark', 'Reformers, Scottish', 'Repentance', 'Salvation', 'Prayer, Theology of', 'Time and Eternity', 'Wesleyan Quadrilateral', 'Wrath of God', *New Dictionary of Theology*, 2016.
- 'Unitas, Veritas, Caritas: A Reply to Dr Van Kuiken,' *Didache*, 15:2, May 2016 [<http://didache.nazarene.org/index.php/volume-15-number-2>]
- Foreword to Carla Sunberg, *The Cappadocian Mothers*, Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2017 [forthcoming]
- Foreword to Johan Tredoux, *Theology as Love: The Thought of Mildred Bangs Wynkoop*, Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2017 [forthcoming]
- Editor (with Sarah K. Whittle and Philip S. Johnson), *Marriage, Family, and Relationships: Biblical, Doctrinal and Contemporary Perspectives*, London: IVP, 2017, 275pp.

## 2. (Select) Book Reviews

- K.E. Brower and M.W. Elliott, "The Reader Must Understand," *Eschatology in Bible and Theology*, in *The Tower*, Vol 2 (1998), 94-96
- Henry Knight, *A Future for Truth: Evangelical Theology in a Postmodern World* in *The Tower*, Vol. 4 (2000), 71-73
- N.T. Wright, *The Challenge of Jesus: Rediscovering Who Jesus Was and Is* in *The Tower*, Vol. 4 (2000), 74
- Richard S. Taylor, *God's Integrity and the Cross* in *The Tower*, Vol. 4 (2000), 75-76
- Alister E. McGrath, *The Foundations of Dialogue in Science and Religion and Science and Religion: an Introduction* in *The Tower*, Vol. 4 (2000), 77-78
- Mayeul de Dreuille, *Seeking the Absolute Love: The Founders of Christian Monasticism* in *The Tower*, Vol. 4 (2000), 79
- Harriet Luckman and Linda Kulzer (eds), *Purity of Heart in Early Ascetic And Monastic Literature* in *The Tower*, Vol. 4 (2000), 80
- Stanley Hauerwas, *Sanctify Them in Thy Truth. Holiness Exemplified* and Samuel M. Powell & Michael Lodahl, *Embodied Holiness. Toward*

- A Corporate Theology of Spiritual Growth in The Tower* Vol. 4 (2000), 81-82
- Barry L. Callen, *Clark H. Pinnock: Journey Toward Renewal in The Tower*, Vol. 4 (2000), 83
- Miroslav Volf, *After Our Image: The Church as the Image of the Trinity in The Tower*, Vol. 6 (2002), 87-89
- Tom Smail, *The Giving Gift: The Holy Spirit in Person*, in *The Tower*, Vol. 6 (2002), 90-91
- Allan Coppedge, *Portraits of God: A Biblical Theology of Holiness in The Tower*, 6 (2002), 92
- Stanley Hauerwas, *With the Grain of the Universe: The Church's Witness and Natural Theology in The Tower*, Vol. 7 (2003), 68-69
- Herbert Boyd McGonigle, *Sufficient Saving Grace: John Wesley's Evangelical Arminianism in The Tower*, Vol. 7 (2003), 70-71
- Alexandra S. Radcliff, *The Claim of Humanity in Christ: Salvation and Sanctification in the Theology of T.F. and J.B. Torrance in Participatio*, Vol. 6 (2016), 233-236

2. Professional

- "Humanity and Full Salvation," *The Preacher's Magazine* 56.2 (1981), 34-37.
- "The Holy Spirit," *Illustrated Bible Life*, 1994, Kansas City, Wordaction Publishing Company, 1994.
- "Why Did Jesus Die? Understanding Theories of the Atonement," *Illustrated Bible Life*, March-May, 1996, Kansas City: Wordaction Publishing Company, 1996, 12-14.
- "Why the Church of the Nazarene? A Sermon Preached in Chapel at NTS," *The Tower*, Vol. 6 (2002), 71-83
- "Atonement: Two 'At One'", *Holiness Today*, March, 2004, republished in *Articles of Faith: What Nazarenes Believe and Why*, Kansas City: Beacon Hill, 2007, 38-42
- "Astonishing," *Holiness Today*, October, 2010
- "Advent", *Holiness Today*, November 2011
- "Through the Year with the Lord: How Does the Church Year Help Us to Be Better Christians?" *Holiness Today*, March-April, 2012
- "Atonement," *Holiness Today*, May-June, 2015, 24-26
- "'For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free.' But Are All Christians Free from Sin?" *Adult Faith Connections Leader*, March-May, 2015

B. Current Areas of Research

1. 'The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,' Volume 1 of a three-volume Systematic Theology for the Nazarene Publishing House
2. A Biography of the pioneer medical missionary to Swaziland, Dr David Hynd, CBE.

C. Research Supervision (NTC, University of Manchester)

- Current students writing theses on, the Implications of T.F. Torrance's Theology for Christian Worship, The Doctrine of the Atonement in Hans Urs von Balthasar,

- Perfection in Irenaeus, Canonical Theism, The Pentecostal Movement, Wesley's Theodicy, Open Theism
- Recent PhD theses completed on: The Servant-Son Metaphor in John Wesley's Thought, The Trinitarian Soteriology of T.F. Torrance, The Cappadocian Mothers, the Theology of Catherine Booth, the Theology of Colin Gunton, the Humanity of Christ, Wesley's Doctrine of God, The Theology of Mildred Bangs Wynkoop, Wesley's Theology of Works of Mercy, The Theology of Theodore Jellinghaus, Christ Alone for Salvation: The Role of Christ and His Work in John Wesley's Theology
  - Earlier completed theses for PhD included work on Wolfhart Pannenberg, Lesslie Newbigin and J.I. Packer

## **V. Administrative Experience**

1976 – 88	Dean, Nazarene Theological College
1976 -- 96	Secretary, British Isles Selection Panel for the Ministry, Church of the Nazarene
1989 -- 95	Secretary, Tyndale Fellowship for Biblical and Theological Research
1989 – 96	Secretary, Administrative Council and Executive, Nazarene Theological College
1992 – 96	Chairman, Research Degrees Committee, Nazarene Theological College
2003 - 08	Director of the Master of Divinity studies, Nazarene Theological Seminary

As secretary of the Tyndale Fellowship, organizing the plenary conferences of 1991 (on Religious Pluralism) and of 1994 (The Jubilee Conference, 'A Pathway into the Holy Scriptures')

## **VI. Membership in Professional Societies, Honours**

1974	First Prize in Ecclesiastical History (University of Edinburgh)
1979 --	Wesleyan Theological Society
1980 --	Tyndale Fellowship
1981 --	Manson Society
1985 --	Rutherford House Fellowship
1987	Tyndale Christian Doctrine Lecturer
1988	Collins Lecturer, Canadian Nazarene College, Winnipeg
1992	Plenary Session Paper at Nazarene/Wesleyan Theological Conference, 1992
1994	Wesley Gilpin Lecturer, Regents Park College, Nantwich, Cheshire
1995	Rothwell Lecturer, Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, Oklahoma
1996-	Association of American Religion
1997	Collins Lecturer, Canadian Nazarene College, Calgary
2002	Plenary Session End-note Paper at Global Nazarene Theology Conference, Guatemala City
2004	Plenary Session Paper, 'Holy Persons' at the North American Nazarene Theology Conference, NTS, Kansas City, December, 2004
2006-	Chair, Christian Doctrine Study Group, Tyndale Fellowship, Cambridge
2008-9	Vice-President, Wesleyan Theological Society
2009-10	President, Wesleyan Theological Society
2012	Didsbury Lecturer
2016-	President, the T.F. Torrance Theological Fellowship

Annual participation in Tyndale Fellowship Study Groups, and more recently in the annual conferences of the Wesleyan Theological Society and AAR-SBL : participation in the biennial Edinburgh Conference in Dogmatics, the triennial Tyndale Fellowship Theology Conferences and the quadrennial Oxford Conference on Patristics. Other occasional conferences, including: Colloquium on Origen, Manchester, 1981; Colloquium on P.T. Forsyth, Aberdeen, 1993; Science and Theology, King's College, London, 1996; Consultation on Science and Religion at Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, 1998; Conference on Original Sin at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, 2000); Conference on 'Hebrews and Christian Theology', St Andrews, 2006; Chair, Programme Committee for WTS Conference, 'All the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge': The Centrality of Christ, March, 2009.

## **VII. NTS Faculty Committee Assignments**

1996	Chapel, Lectures, MA Admissions & Continuation Chapel, Lectures, MA Admissions & Continuation, Faculty Retreat
1998	Chapel, MA (Theological Studies), Institutional Assessment, Faculty Retreat, Ad Hoc Committee for M.Div. Middler Assessment
1999-2000	Curriculum & Library, MA (Theological Studies), Faculty Advisory, Faculty Retreat, Ad Hoc Committee for Study of Non-Resident Distance Coursework, Self-Study Sub-committee on Instruction and Faculty
2000-2001	Curriculum & Library, MA (Theological Studies), Faculty Advisory
2001-2002	Curriculum & Library, MA (Theological Studies), Faculty Advisory
2002-2003	Curriculum & Library, MA (Theological Studies), Strategic Planning
2003-2004	Curriculum & Library, Faculty Advisory, Strategic Planning, Lectures, Supervised Ministry
2004-2005	Curriculum & Library, Faculty Advisory, Lectures, Supervised Ministry
2005-2006	Curriculum & Library, Faculty Advisory, Lectures, Supervised Ministry
2006-	MA/PhD Committee

## **VIII. Church and Community Service**

1963-73	Council Member, NYPS District Council, British Isles North District, Church of the Nazarene (successively teen member-at-large, evangelism convenor, Glasgow Zone President)
1966 -- 70	Church Organist and choir Master, Rutherglen Congregational Church, Lanarkshire
1970 – 73	President, NYPS, Sharpe Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Glasgow, Church Board Member
1972 – 76	Member, Board of Governors, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester
1975 – 76	Church Organist, St. Andrew's Parish Church, North Berwick, East Lothian
1984 -- 96	Church Organist, Didsbury Church of the Nazarene, Manchester
1984 -- 96	Church Board Member, Didsbury Church of the Nazarene, Manchester
1988 – 90	Chairman, Church Board, Didsbury Church of the Nazarene, Manchester
1995	Chairman, Church Board, Didsbury Church of the Nazarene, Manchester
2000 - 02	Member, Nazarene Theological Conference Planning Committee
2001 - 09	Adult Class Sunday School Teacher, Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene