







Words and Concepts: "Proof-wording"

- Prone to lexical overloading
- Supposed contrast between the Hebrew and Greek minds from linguistic stock

Examples: ἀγάπη, φίλος, ἔρως

- ἔρως (Prov 7:18; 24:51)
 - Erotic, sexual love?
 - Little use in the Bible, 2x in OT and 0x in NT
 - Biblical usage bears this out.

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- "Deep, instinctive, personal affection... as for a close friend"?
- Supporting usage (John 5:20; 16:27; Rev 3:19)
- Counterevidence (Matt 6:5; 23:6; John 12:25)

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- “That reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion such is inspired by God’s love for and in us” (cf. 1 Cor 13:1).
- Supporting usage (John 3:35; 11:5; 13:23; Eph 5:28; 1 Pet 2:17)
- Counterevidence (Lk 6:32; 11:43; John 3:19; 2 Tim 4:10; 2 Pet 2:15).

“Theological” Dictionaries

- TDNT – *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*. Edited by Gerhard Kittel, et. al, 1964–76.
 - Problematic for the word study fallacies.
 - More reliable on “technical” terms.
- NIDNTT – *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology*. Edited by Colin Brown, 1975.
 - Less influenced by word study fallacies.
 - Organized by semantic domains.

“Theological Dictionaries”

- TDOT – *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*. 12 vols. Edited by G. Johannes Botterweck, et. al, 1974–2004.
 - OT companion to TDNT.
 - Somewhat less influenced by the word study fallacies than TDNT.
- TWOT – *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*. 2 vols. Edited by R. Laird Harris, Gleason L. Archer, and Bruce K. Waltke. Chicago: Moody, 1980.
 - Generally less prone to word study fallacies than TDOT.
 - Generally quite brief articles.
- NIDOTTE – *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis*. 5 vols. Edited by Willem A. VanGemeren, 1996.
 - The new standard for OT word studies.
 - Solid and pretty thorough word studies.

Computer software for word studies

- Many have some of these tools as add-ons.
- Most of them enable you to run rapid "concordance" searches to do your own word studies efficiently.
- Examples:
 - Mac: Accordance (A+, but expensive)
 - Windows
 - BibleWorks (A -, but fairly affordable)
 - Logos (B and expensive, but extensive 'library')
 - e-Sword (C, but free)
