

## Newsletter, February 2021

Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship

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President's letter  
Gary Deddo

January 20, 2021

T.F. Torrance Theological Fellowship Members and Friends,

As I begin the second year of my three-year term as president, I can't say I had anticipated how the previous year turned out. I'm sure many were disappointed in not having an opportunity to meet in person at our annual meeting in conjunction with AAR. However, given the extraordinary development of our webservices over the last four years, we were able to meet the challenge in stride. We hosted our annual meeting online in early November and the recording of it was available to those who attended several weeks later the virtual sessions of the AAR.

Thanks are due to our presenter for this year, Dr. Todd Speidell and respondent Dr. Chris Kettler. The theme was especially appropriate: "[T. F. Torrance's Soteriological Suspension of the Ethical.](#)" I hope you've had a chance to view it. You may also be interested in Todd's book, [Fully Human in Christ: The Incarnation as the End of Christian Ethics.](#)

Such arrangement was possible only because of our dedicated web-team, Kerry Magruder and Brent Purkaple. So, many thanks to them.

We also hosted for the first time in late July, [The Torrance Virtual Workshop-Retreat.](#) I was able to participate myself as a commentator and delighted to see how many joined in besides the research presenters.

And finally, I am pleased to announce the publication of another volume of [Participatio, "Biblical Theology."](#) As you know, T.F. Torrance had a lot to say about biblical interpretation. This volume contributes significantly to that foundational theme.

Let me close with the same words I wrote in my last letter— because perhaps what I said then is even more pertinent now: As a fellowship and not simply a society of scholars we have an opportunity to stay in touch with each other and develop relationships over time that bear witness to the corporate nature of human life and the communion of the Body of Christ. I value that, as I'm sure you do as well. But let me encourage you, anyway, to take advantage of the channels of communication and opportunities to foster relationships that the T. F. Torrance Fellowship affords us all— centrally located at our ever evolving and improving website: [tftorrance.org](https://tftorrance.org). Such interaction signals a recognition of and participation in the personal and relational dimensions intrinsic to the incarnational and trinitarian God of the Gospel to which T. F. Torrance bore witness.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,

Gary W. Deddo

President, Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship

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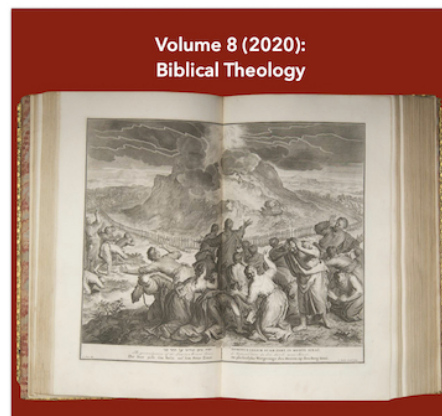
## v. 8: "Biblical Theology"

Essays by Gary Deddo, Murray Rae, Elizabeth Backfish, Jonathan Lett, Erin Heim, and Paul Owen.

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Hold the dates – Sept 24-26

## 2021 Firbush Retreat

The 2021 Firbush retreat will be held virtually on the theme of "The Trinity and Science." Program and speakers *tba*. Look for more information to appear in the [News](#) section of the Fellowship website.





[Hold the dates – July 30 - Aug 1](#)

## 2021 Workshop-Retreat

Given the success of the [2020 Virtual Torrance Workshop-Retreat](#), a similar event is being planned for 2021. Workshop sessions will invite students and other researchers to present works-in-progress for feedback and discussion. Look for more information to appear in the [News](#) section of the Fellowship website.

[Hold the date – November 19, 2021](#)

## T. F. Torrance Fellowship Annual Meeting

The [2021 Annual Meeting](#) is scheduled for Nov 19, 2021, in San Antonio, Texas.

[AAR and SBL](#): November 20-23, 2021

[ETS](#): tba



## Volunteers welcome



### Studies Bibliography

Want to help with the [Studies bibliography](#)? We will train in searching databases to discover new sources, and advise on



### Oral History Project

Want to collaborate on the [Torrance Oral History project](#)? We welcome volunteers to

retroactively adding past publications. We will train you in entering publications using the Drupal backend. We want to enhance the Studies bibliography as a research tool for Torrance studies! [Contact us](#).

transcribe interviews (training provided). We welcome donations, as each transcriber needs software (\$50) and a foot pedal controller (\$50). One or two more transcribers will help the project scale up immensely! [Contact us](#).

Let us know when you publish a Torrance-related publication so we can add it to the [Studies bibliography](#).

### Faculty?

Let us know if you welcome [inquiries for graduate study](#) (e.g., you supervise graduate students, or serve on student committees).

### Graduate Student?

[List your ongoing Torrance-related project](#).

## In case you missed it...

November 2020

### Annual Meeting, Keynote and Response

Keynote: Dr. Todd Speidell, "T. F. Torrance's Soteriological Suspension of the Ethical." Dr. Chris Kettler, Response. [Video](#). More: [#2020-THS-2](#). Business meeting: [2020 provisional meeting minutes](#).



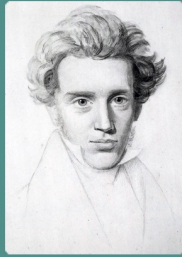
### "Søren Kierkegaard as a Christian, Incarnational Theologian"

Essays by Stephen Evans, Murray Rae, David Gouwens, Andrew

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Cockayne, Aaron Edwards, Stephen

Backhouse, and Sylvia Walsh.

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