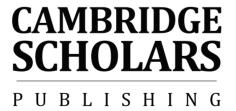
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DEDICATION AND COMMENT

In 2004 I presented a paper on archaeology at the International Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. That year the Society met in Groningen, The Netherlands: a most picturesque venue. Having checked into the comfortable conference hotel, and dving of thirst, I went down to the hotel lounge to ascertain what liquid refreshment from the tap was available. I had only known Heineken in bottles and wanted something local and hoppy. The young bar tender was a student from Germany living and studying at the University. Recognizing his accent, I engaged him in German and we exchanged delightful information about each other. After my first draught, he talked me into trying another local brand. I took his advice. Having been his only customer for about twenty minutes, and knowing the best of each other's personal histories by that time, we were joined by an elderly, distinguished-looking gentleman. He realized that we were conversing in German and he chimed in by ordering a drink in German also. I sat silently sipping my delightful Dutch brew, and the gentleman sat a few bar stools away sipping on his drink. Apparently, we realized that all three of us could converse in the same language (which was not the language of our host country), so I addressed the distinguished gentleman and asked from where he hailed. He replied: ". . . from the state of Michigan in the United States." I replied (half shocked) "I live in Lansing, Michigan and profess at Michigan State University there." He then shared that he was a research scholar at the University of Michigan, some 50 miles from Lansing, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. We both smiled, and then laughed, for we realized that we were from traditionally rival universities; we were two adversaries who were a long way from home! We learned quickly that we were attending the same conference and threw in our lot with each other.

After our drinks at the bar, we decided to have dinner together. Over a succulent meal, we got to know much more about each other and learned how much we had in common. He had been a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army until retirement. Most of that time had been spent in the Chaplain's Corps, for he was an ordained minister of the Presbyterian faith. He had spent a lot of time in Germany during his service career. I had been an officer in the Army of the United States, serving in Armored

Cavalry units in Germany as a staff officer during the Cold War. Moreover, he was a research scholar at the U. of M. Over dessert we learned of our common interest in field archaeology and ancient Middle Eastern Studies in general and of colleagues we had in common. Yet, we had never heard of each other until then. What serendipity!

By the end of dinner, we had become fast friends and vowed to stick together henceforth. Most pleasantly and with great fatherly pride, he informed me that his daughter, Dr. Deborah Ellens, an established, independent scholar in *Old Testament* Studies, was attending the conference and was a guest at the hotel also. He introduced us the next morning as he and I were having breakfast before attending the first sessions of papers. That was my introduction to Doctor Jay Harold Ellens, Ph.D., Ph.D.

Harold and I have met at every subsequent ISBL Meeting since Groningen: he as a member of the Psychology and Religion Section and I in my capacity as co-convener of the Seminar in Biblical Characters in the Three Traditions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) and in Literature. But long since, our relationship has changed from simply colleague to that of friend, mentor, counselor, and collaborator. While attending the ISBL Meeting held in Auckland, New Zealand in 2008, Hal invited me to work with him as co-editor of a *Festschrift* he was crafting in honor of the biblical scholar, David J.A. Clines of Sheffield University in the U.K. The volume subsequently appeared through the Wipf and Stock Publishers under the title *Probing the Frontiers of Biblical Studies* (2009). Moreover, we have collaborated on a number of scholarly projects and continue to do so to this day.

However, on this day, we his friends, collaborators, former students, mentees, counselees, family, and those whose lives have been improved by simply knowing him, wish to honor him with the presentation of this bound volume of essays and reflections. *Ad me'ah ve esrim* Harold. May you live and be productive as long as was Moses (120 years).

John T. Greene, Ph.D.

FOREWORD

JOHN TRACY GREENE

It is maintained that the best gift to give an intellectual is a piece of your (critical) mind. Doctor Jay Harold Ellens, Ph.D. (twice!) is one intellectual who subscribes to this view of gifts. He has supplied himself (and his family) with all else (t)he(y) need(s). This 'family' includes a myriad of colleagues, fans, mentees, and an endless train of students, past and present. Many of those have contributed critical pieces of their minds to this modest literary tribute to a most productive scholar and *Vorbild*. One need only browse the enclosed CV of his professional activities to verify that productivity. He has devoted his adult life to service: service to his family, service to his God, service to his country, service to the spiritually and psychologically troubled, service to the academically curious, and service to his colleagues and friends. Each type of service has enabled him to develop into an extraordinary person: a modern renaissance man.

The first characteristic trait one notices, and later learns, about Harold Ellens is that he is indefatigable, even now at his age of eighty-two years. When others of his age group would be content with having served both humankind and 'deitykind' with distinction and perseverance, and long since retired to the comfortable chair to, perhaps, write their memoires, fish, and observe the cavalcade of life from the front porch or deck, Doctor Ellens plots out the next series of two and three volume studies on the foibles, peccadilloes, as well as on the reached highs of the human psyche and its indomitable spirit. Several essays herein pay homage to his contributions to this field and each contributor was touched personally by this master pedagogue.

Some sensitives, and Doctor Ellens is indeed one, discover the point of confluence where service to deity and service to one's country become conjoined. This certainly describes the lot of the military chaplain, for there is no greater arena than a battlefield for one to be in a position to come face-to-face with the greatest of (potentially fatal) riddles. Few of us contemplate deeply, philosophically, and theologically the question: What

is the role of war in human life, and does a given deity even care? Chaplain (Colonel) Ellens has spent more than thirty years enmeshed in providing a reasonable answer to this question. Moreover, he has led several civilian congregations, as well. The question has proved just as challenging to him there. The essays contributed by archaeologist John T. Greene herein address this military interest from archaeological/historical/literary points of view.

Since both field archaeology of Israel and constant discoveries there have caused a resurgence of interest in correcting in some places. introducing totally new data in others, Dr. Ellens, already possessing one doctorate, decided to pursue another—this time in the fluid area of Second Temple Judaism—in which he already possessed the Master Degree. This era, from roughly 520 B.C.E. -70/73 C.E., i.e., from the beginning of the rebuilding of the second temple in Jerusalem to its destruction (not exactly the same structure, for it, too, was rebuilt!) in 70 C.E. embraces a period of many, important developments in the various 'Judaisms' of this period. This period witnessed the rise of Apocalyptic Judaism and it is on this subject that Doctor, doctoral candidate J. Harold Ellens dissertated and was awarded his second Ph.D. His subsequent publications on the topic of the 'Son of Man', found in various presentations in literature from the Prophet Ezekiel to the Gospel of John have provided erudite and accurate bases for further discussions of this important period.—Kol haKavod LeChah. Harold!

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AB Anchor Bible Commentary

BARP Bethsaida (Archaeological) Research Project

BDB Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon

BH Biblia Hebraica

bSan Babylonian Talmud Tractate Sanhedrin

BZAW Beihefte zur Zeitschrift fuer die altestamentliche

Wissenschaft

CBC Cambridge Bible Commentary
DCH Dictionary of Classical Hebrew

DSS Dead Sea Scrolls

Ezek. Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

GThom Gospel of Thomas

HALOT Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament (2

Volumes)

HUCA Hebrew Union College Annual
JPS Jewish Publication Society
KAT Kommentar zum Alten Testament

KJV King James Version

LXX The Septuagint (Greek) Version of the Hebrew

Scriptures/Old Testament

MT The Masoretic Text of the Hebrew Scriptures

NAB New American Bible

NJPS New Jewish Publication Society NRSV New Revised Standard Version Ob. Book of the Prophet Obadiah

OTL Old Testament Library PDRE Pirkei DeRabbi Eliezer

PHPT The Princeton Handbook of Poetic Terms

POxy Oxyrynchus Papyrus PRE Pirke de Rabbi Eliezer PT Palestinian Talmud

Q Reference to a document taken from one of the Qumran

caves

RSV Revised Standard Version Society of Biblical Literature

T. Job Testament of Job

TOTC Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries

YHWH The *Tetragrammaton* representation of the name of the

Hebrew Deity

ZAW Zeitschrift fuer die altestamentliche Wissenschaft ZDPV Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins

A SHORT, PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY OF J. HAROLD ELLENS, Ph.D.

JOHN T GREENE

Before the University

J. Harold Ellens was born 16 July, 1932 on a farm near McBain, Michigan and attended a one room, religious, elementary school in the country a mile from his home, and high school in McBain. He took his undergraduate work and first Master Degree in Philosophy and Psychology at Calvin College and Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In his second year, 1952, in seminary he received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant U.S. Army Chaplain.

Military Education and Service

During his 37 years of military service, Harold graduated from the Army Staff College, the Command and General Staff College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, U.S. Army Special Warfare and Civil Affairs School, U.S. Army War College, and the National Defense University, and taught at each of them in turn. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in 1956, Captain in 1960, Major in 1967, Lieutenant Colonel in 1972, and Colonel (06) in 1975. He served ten years on active duty and another 27 years very active in the Reserve Forces. He served 8 years as the National Chaplain of the Reserve Officer's Association. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1992.

Advanced Civilian Education

Harold received a Master Degree in Second Temple Judaism and Christian Origins at Princeton in 1965, a Ph.D. from Wayne State University in Psychology of Human Communications in 1970, a Master Degree in Classical Languages from the University of Michigan in 2002, and a Ph.D.

in Second Temple Judaism and Christian Origins from the University of Michigan in 2009.

Professional Roles

Dr. Ellens has held 15 pastorates, military and civilian, and taught at Oakland University full time, and as adjunct at Calvin Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, Oakland Community College, Wayne County Community College, Wayne State University, and the Ecumenical Theological Seminary. For fifteen years he was the Executive Director of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies and Founding Editor and Editor in Chief of the esteemed *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*.

He has lectured widely internationally, and lectures regularly at the Congresses of the Learned Societies in the U.S.A. and abroad. He has published 226 volumes and has 8 currently in process with three publishers. He presents regularly in the seminars of the International Society of Biblical Literature in the Psychology and Biblical Studies section, which he cofounded 25 years ago; in the Biblical Characters in Three Traditions Seminar sponsored by John T. Greene and the late Michael M. Caspi, and occasionally in the Johannine Studies section.

CURRICULUM VITAE

A Resume 2014 J. Harold Ellens, Ph.D.

I. Professional Role

Pastoral and Preaching Minister and US Army Chaplain 1953 to date.

Theologian and Pastor, Emeritus: Christian Reformed Church (25 years - 6 congregations) and Presbyterian Church (USA) (31 years - 9 congregations)

Classical Greco-Roman Scholar 1950 to date.

Institute for Antiquity and Christianity of the Claremont Graduate School: Advisory Board Member, Former Board President, Research Scholar/Lecturer, 1980 to 2002.

Research Scholar: University of Michigan Department of Near Eastern Studies, 1990 to 2009.

Professor of Philosophy and Psychology (20 years), Oakland University, Calvin Seminary and Princeton Theological Seminary, Oakland Community College, Retired.

U.S. Army Colonel, (37 years) ACM, MSM [4], LOM, (10 years AD, 27 years RC), Retired.

Private Practice Psychotherapist and Pastoral Counselor, 1965 to date.

Executive Director: Christian Association for Psychological Studies International (15 years), 1974-1989, Emeritus.

Founding Editor and Editor in Chief: *Journal of Psychology and Christianity* (15 years) 1974-1989, Emeritus.

II. Education

- Ph.D. in Second Temple Judaism and Christian Origins, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, 2009.
- Ph.D. in Psychology of Human Communications, Wayne State University, 1970.

- Masters Degree in Second Temple Judaism and Christian Origins, NES, University of Michigan, 2002.
- Masters Degree in New Testament and Christian Origins, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1965.
- Masters Degree in Divinity in Theology and Biblical Studies, Calvin Theological Seminary, 1986.
- Bachelor of Divinity Degree in Theology and Biblical Studies, Calvin Theological Seminary, 1956.
- Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy and Classics, Calvin College, 1953.
- Military graduate of the Army Chaplain Staff College, of the Command and General Staff College, of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, of the Army Special Warfare School (Civil Affairs), of the US Army War College, and of the National Defense University. Also served on the faculty of all of them, as well as in 3 Infantry Divisions, 3 General Hospitals, and on the General Staff of four GOCOMS (General Officer Commands).

III. Publications

Author, Co-author, or Editor of 181 books and 167 professional journal articles *including*:

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Time Magazine, 12 Mar. 84 and 5 Aug. 85.

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Detroit Free Press, 1990.

Author and producer of five video training packets.

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Twenty nominated professional societies *including* Christian Association for Psychological Studies, Society for Biblical Literature, American Academy of Religion, International Enoch Studies Congress.

Editor in Chief Emeritus of the *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*, Editor of the *Journal Henoch*, Editor of the International Enoch Studies

Eight Distinguished Scholar Awards, national and international

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Nine Distinguished Lectureships, national and international, including the following:

Three Times, the Distinguished Lecturer in Communications, at the Billy Graham Communications Center, Wheaton College, Wheaton Illinois.

The Distinguished Lecturer in Pastoral Theology, University of Pretoria, Republic of South Africa.

The John Finch Lecturship, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology, 1980.

Numerous annual national and international biographical publication listings including the various regional, national, and international Who's Who, The National Distinguished Service Registry of the Library of Congress, Who's Who in Biblical Studies and Archaeology, Personalities of America, International Biographical Directory, Who's Who in Theology and Science, and others.

Featured in Science and Theology News, July/August 2004, Templeton Foundation Discoveries, Research and Ideas from Around the World.

Knighted as a Knight of Grace in the Knights of Malta, Hospitalers of St. John of Jerusalem, in the Ecumenical Order under the Regency of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, 07 January 1974.

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