

SECOND-HAND BOOKS

By Bill Pugh

One of my delights is to visit our local op shop and right at the back search the long pile of second-hand books.

Not in any order, like a library, just a row of many books, large and small, new, old and well-used.

Sometimes you will discover pages marked by the reader. Sometimes a corner, marked with a tiny fold indicating something important to the reader, or just the place to read on from there.

They are not second-hand to the buyer but as new, a real source of pleasure, at a bargain price.

The Bible is well called a library of books, with 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.

Words written and translated centuries ago. There is nothing second-hand about these books.

Every reader finds a new message every time the pages are read and studied.

Countless themes, countless messages of hope. How fortunate we are to have a wise and relevant book.

A library first-hand and the word of God

Reflection:

Your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (Psalm 119:105) and your mercies are new every morning, great is your faithfulness (Lamentations 3:23).

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