

Item #55 (My Resignation as Book Reviewer)

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CBQ Style

The effort to avoid using gender-specific language in reference to God and also in reference to human persons who would not be identified by gender raises the issue of the form of pronouns since singular pronouns in English are gendered. Consultation with the CBQ editorial board has led to the following addition to the CBQ style sheet.

A pronoun whose antecedent is the noun God, the name Yhwh, or a person who would not be identified by gender should be in the plural (they/theirs/them) to avoid gender specific language.

E-Mail to Mary Ann Beavis, Book Review Editor of NT and Intertestamental Literature of the CBQ

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Mary Ann

Greetings from the former United States of America. The July issue of the CBQ arrived here yesterday. On p. 473 are modifications in CBQ style. I regret to have to say that in conscience I cannot accept these modifications. Therefore I withdraw my name from the list of reviewers. Please do NOT send me the two books I have agreed to review. I enjoyed very much the years I spent as a reviewer. Thank you very much. But some things in life are much more important than giving joy to James Swetnam.

Regards

James

An acknowledgement of receipt arrived the same day.