

Item #106 (Two Helpful Books on Scripture)

This title is a bit misleading. One book is indeed about Scripture: John F. McCarthy, *Catholic Biblical Scholarship for the Third Millennium* (Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire: Loreto Publications, 2017). The other is a book that helps the reader understand the book on Scripture: Harry R. Klocker. S.J., *Thomism and Modern Thought* (New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts [Division of Meredith Publishing Company], 1962).

The book by Msgr. McCarthy is a collection of articles previously published in *Living Tradition*. They are a fascinating discussion in defense of the Catholic Church's position on the interpretation of Scripture. Readers of this website are well aware that the author of the website is no fan of "progressive" interpretation and he felt like cheering as he worked through a majority of the seventeen articles re-published here. Philosophically he is also an admirer of Fr. Klocker's Thomism, which comes in handy as background for understanding much of Msgr. McCarthy's argumentation. Msgr. McCarthy's book, of course is prefixed by an introduction original to his book. It consists of forty-five paragraphs. In brief, two books that make a fascinating whole.

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