

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Fall 2011 issue of the *Midwestern Journal of Theology*. In this issue we feature as our central theme the doctrine of Biblical Authority and Inerrancy. Two lectures delivered at Midwestern this past October by Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary's John Douglas Morrison serve as the cornerstone of our theme section. Dr. Morrison speaks with special authority as author of *HAS GOD SAID?: Scripture, the Word of God, and the Crisis of Theological Authority*, which was published as the fifth volume in the Evangelical Theological Society Monograph Series (2006). In this section also we include a contribution from Midwestern's own Radu Gheorghita who has a little fun examining some rather serious and surprisingly numerous textual errors in Bart D. Ehrman's 2005 book, *Misquoting Jesus*, as an amusing way of illustrating the inherent weakness of Ehrman's own text-critical attack on the credibility of the Bible.

Rounding out our theme section is a little-known but excellent article by Old Princeton theologian B. B. Warfield (1851-1921) on the topic of Inerrancy. In this particular article Warfield takes on those who oppose the doctrine of Inerrancy on the grounds that it applies to now long-lost autographs and not to the current text of Scripture. Warfield is especially remembered for the key role he played in the articulation of the doctrine of Inerrancy, in his famous 1881 *Presbyterian Review* article, "Inerrancy," which he wrote with A.A. Hodge.

In this issue we also have the privilege of presenting under one cover contributions from Midwestern's President, R. Philip Roberts, Midwestern's Dean of the Seminary, Jerry Sutton, and Midwestern's Dean of the College, Thor Madsen. Dr. Roberts investigates the Mormon doctrine of salvation by grace "after all we can do," Dr. Sutton, the career and teaching of James Arminius, and Dr. Madsen, the philosophical underpinnings of Postmodern interpretation.

Complementing Dr. Morrison's discussion of Biblical Authority, which includes considerable discussion of "the Father of Theological Liberalism" Friedrich Schleiermacher we have included as well an article on the Schleiermacher's Hermeneutics. This was provided by William Osborne, who, besides being a student in Midwestern's Ph.D. Program, who also adjuncts at Midwestern, serves as managing editor for the newly founded *Journal for the Evangelical Study of the Old Testament*.

Readers will also not want to miss the interesting articles as and reviews of several recent significant practical and theological books.