

## The Harold Turner Collection at the Orchard Learning Resources Centre

The Harold Turner Collection is an internationally renowned collection of approximately 26,000 items on New Religious Movements. The collection consists mainly of photocopies of articles from periodicals/ newspapers, theses, academic papers and excerpts from books which belonged to the academic, Rev. Dr. Harold Turner. In 1986 following his retirement Rev. Dr. Harold Turner donated his collection to the Selly Oak Colleges which now form part of the University of Birmingham.

### Organisation of the Collection

The materials are stored in boxes which are arranged by continent and within continent by country/region with some movements being represented in more than one country. Within each box items are stored in alphabetical order, mainly by author

There is also additional material in boxes marked

- 'World Theory' : articles which deal with the phenomenon of the appearance of these movements from historical, theological, missiological, and anthropological points of view.
- 'Mission' : articles which deal with the importance of these movements for mission studies.
- 'Indigenous Religions' : articles dealing with local traditions which enable users to gain a better understanding of how movements originated.
- 'Phenomenology' : articles of general interest which deal with subjects which may assist users of the collection to gain background information on local traditions such as ancestors, witchcraft, healing.

Subjects are kept in alphabetical order within the boxes.

There is a separate section on Pentecostalism.

### Finding Items in the Collection

There is at present no electronic catalogue for the collection but the collection is being catalogued item by item onto the CALM database from 2007 to 2009. Please ask the Harold Turner Project Officer for availability. There is a microfiche catalogue and paper catalogues but these are by no means comprehensive and are not up to date.

### Gaining Access to the Collection

The collection is open to all interested users. Before using the collection for the first time users must gain the permission of :

Professor Alan Anderson (Contact : email : [a.h.anderson@bham.ac.uk](mailto:a.h.anderson@bham.ac.uk) /Tel: 0121 415 8440).

Once this has been gained they must register at the enquiry desk on the ground floor of the OLRC.

### **Opening Hours**

The collection is available whenever the OLRC is open, Monday to Friday, 09.00-19.00. Please visit the website of the OLRC for details of opening times at: <http://www.library.ac.uk/using/openinghours/>

### **Location of the Collection**

- The collection is located in two rooms off the Rendel Harris Research Reading Room on the first floor landing of the Orchard Learning Resource Centre (OLRC) on the Selly Oak Campus.
- To find the OLRC please look at <http://www.bham.ac.uk/about/maps/sellyoakmap.shtml>

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