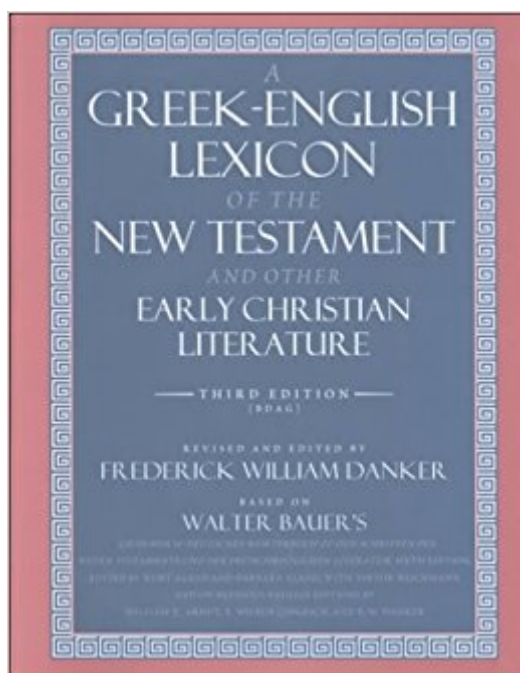


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Synopsis

Described as an "invaluable reference work" (Classical Philology) and "a tool indispensable for the study of early Christian literature" (Religious Studies Review) in its previous edition, this new updated American edition of Walter Bauer's *Wörterbuch zu den Schriften des Neuen Testaments* builds on its predecessor's staggering deposit of extraordinary erudition relating to Greek literature from all periods. Including entries for many more words, the new edition also lists more than 25,000 additional references to classical, intertestamental, Early Christian, and modern literature. In this edition, Frederick W. Danker's broad knowledge of Greco-Roman literature, as well as papyri and epigraphs, provides a more panoramic view of the world of Jesus and the New Testament. Danker has also introduced a more consistent mode of reference citation, and has provided a composite list of abbreviations to facilitate easy access to this wealth of information. Perhaps the single most important lexical innovation of Danker's edition is its inclusion of extended definitions for Greek terms. For instance, a key meaning of "episkopos" was defined in the second American edition as overseer; Danker defines it as "one who has the responsibility of safeguarding or seeing to it that something is done in the correct way, guardian." Such extended definitions give a fuller sense of the word in question, which will help avoid both anachronisms and confusion among users of the lexicon who may not be native speakers of English. Danker's edition of Bauer's *Wörterbuch* will be an indispensable guide for Biblical and classical scholars, ministers, seminarians, and translators.

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Will influence more biblical scholarship than any one other book published in the English language in the last half century. -- Currents in Theology and Mission

Frederick William Danker (1920-2012) was the Christ Seminary's Semitic Professor Emeritus of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Illinois. He was editor of *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, among other books.

Probably the best Lexicon available. I did not buy a new one as the cost was very high. This used one was in pretty decent shape for less than \$100. Just a reminder to those purchasing.....you must be able to read Greek in order to use this.

What can a lowly fool like me say about such a magisterial work? This is the standard lexicon for the New Testament and early Christian literature for good reason! It's indispensable for anyone studying those works. That being said, the careful student should be aware of its Lutheran origins. Bauer was formed in late 19th to early 20th century German Lutheranism. Danker was a part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, who helped to support his efforts in working on this third edition. Therefore, as magnificent a work as BDAG is, Liddell and Scott ought also to be consulted.

One of the best lexicons one can own! The historical background and comparative usages it provides greatly add value to this work. It should be used by serious students of Greek as well as those who are serious about exegesis of a text accurately.

There just is no comparison. I got by for a long time using the lexicon in the back of my UBS 4th edition or using the free lexicons included with Bibleworks. The fact is, words are funny things ... they have a range of meanings that a simple glossary cannot cover. BDAG provides a clear analysis of every word in the NT and the early Christian Fathers. Each word generally has a definition in bold type followed by a one word gloss for the word in bold italics. The formatting is very helpful for finding the verse you are looking for under the range of options. I use it all the time, and it helps my understanding of the New Testament tremendously. If I could change anything, I would do two things. First, I would have a brief explanation in the introduction showing how the entries in the

dictionary work. Things are very heavily abbreviated and honestly, I still don't understand some of what I'm looking at. Thankfully that is all in regular print ... the bold print lets me find the things that are important for my purposes very quickly. The second thing is the Greek font used for the entries. I hate the phi and rho! Blech! Within the definitions themselves, the font is much more traditional and far more attractive. Finally, this is a lexicon. I highly recommend getting NIDNTTE (http://smile.com/International-Dictionary-Testament-Theology-Exegesis/dp/0310276195/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1436294212&sr=8-1&keywords=NIDNTTE) as an accompaniment. That will explain the theological significance attached to the words in question.

What is there not to love with this edition with a much improved lay out?

Very concise, and I like that it does not waste your time with word pronunciations. It is as they say about it being the number one Greek lexicon.

I like this lexicon, but you have to know the root words to be able to find what you are looking for. Thankfully, the scriptures referenced are in bold, so it makes it easy to find them.

After being hesitant to drop the money on this reference work for almost 2 years, I finally gave in and ordered. I must say, I was not disappointed at all. This is an absolute necessity for ANYONE who wants to work through the NT Greek and be faithful to the Biblical text! Just forgo buying a few of the modern Christian books coming out every week and save up to buy this. You will be much more blessed and edified by the years of use you'll get out of this work

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