

S20-12: Computer Assisted Research The Pleasures, Pains and Prospects for Biblioblogging

**Biblioblog Problems and Solutions:
PastoralEpistles.com as a Sandbox**
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Abstract

Biblioblogs have come to serve a valuable role in the academic community: they disseminate information throughout the academy while serving to humanize their authors. But the information produced by bibliobloggers, while searchable via Google and able to be displayed upon request, is locked in an environment that stores content as a sort of lowest common denominator. Salient bits of information, ranging from discussions of particular Biblical passages to impromptu book reviews, are unable to be easily retrieved unless one happens to fortuitously stumble upon them. Most biblioblog content is first-rate, but the blogging software that typically generates and archives the content could be better.

This paper further defines some of these “lowest common denominator” problems and explores methodology used by PastoralEpistles.com to address them.

Problem Area One: Post Content Lacks Structure

Solution: Distinguish Content Structurally

- Tagging based on labels.
- Labels provide processing (and later indexing) cues.

Problem Area Two: Post Metadata Lacks Richness

Solution: Posts Specify Rich Metadata

- Key words (not categories)
- References
- Reference and subject indexes generated

Problem Area Three: Single Post Type is Limiting

Solution: Allow Multiple Post Types

- Blog posts
- Annotated bibliography entries
- Articles
- Extensibility

Problem Area Four: Bibliographies and Citations

Solution: Allow Multiple Bibliography Styles

- Indexes utilize bibliography views
- Site maps