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# Introduction to This Issue

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The Editorial Board of *The Asbury Seminarian* has asked the Department of Biblical Studies to furnish material for this issue. The article “A Case for Biblical Authority” on the authority of the Old Testament is by John Oswalt, one of our younger professors, who deals perceptively and in depth with one of the ongoing issues which is constantly alive to readers of the Bible.

Dr. G. H. Livingston of our faculty contributes the important article on structural analysis in the Old Testament. This paper was read at the Evangelical Theological Society Meeting in Jackson, Mississippi in December of 1975 and is now made available for this issue. It shows the mark of mature scholarship and at the same time reveals a scholar who is abreast of contemporary issues in methodology.

Most of us like to hear sermons that are really expositions of Biblical truth rather than messages which merely claim Biblical relevance and origin. Ronald Ball was the senior chosen to preach in the spring of the last academic year as a representative of his class. He has made his sermon available to us. He plans to go into full-time evangelism, and this sermon, based as it is upon the Bible and delivered with evangelistic zeal, is considered by our committee a commendable example of Biblical and evangelistic preaching.