

Rudolf Kassühlke discusses the purpose of study Bibles, particularly the 1973 *Gute Nachricht erklärt*, the principles proposed for an ABS Good News Bible study edition, the BFBS/Lion Bible and its German counterpart, and plans for a study edition of *Die Bibel in heutigem Deutsch*, based on a precise definition of the target readership and its needs.

Space allows only passing mention, among a dozen other contributions, of John Dean's "All Things to all Churchmen? A case for the confessional Bible Society", the editor's contrasting "One Bible—one Church", and Savas Agourides' "Teaching Scripture by an Orthodox Today".

The German Bible Society is to be warmly congratulated on publishing a book designed to keep the Bible Society movement moving, and a worthy tribute to its beloved leader.

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BOOKS RECEIVED and SHORT NOTES

Gunnemark, Erik, in collaboration with Donald Kenrick: *What Language do they speak? A geolinguistic handbook covering languages, countries and peoples in the whole world*. iii+271 pp., 1983. Published by the authors, available from D. S. Kenrick at 61 Blenheim Crescent, London W11 2EG, price £6.00. "The primary aim of the book is to tell the readers what languages are spoken in all the countries of the world. Its secondary aim is to give more information (distribution, number of speakers, genetic classification, etc.) on some 300 languages which we have judged to be of special interest from the practical point of view." (From the Introduction).

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Die Bibel in heutigem Deutsch mit Erklärungen und Bildern. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft [1983]. vi+912+414 pp. This is the German counterpart to the Special Edition of the Good News Bible published by the BFBS in conjunction with Lion Publishing. All the additional non-biblical material has been thoroughly revised.

The Bible Translator and the Word Processor

It is clear that word processors are coming rapidly into use in many parts of the world, and that they are particularly useful for any document which may need to be revised or edited.

One or two articles have already reached the editors of *The Bible Translator* which have been prepared in this way. This enables the editors to mark on the copy any changes which they may wish to suggest, and then send the print-out back to the author for revision. This saves time, and helps to keep the cost of *The Bible Translator* to a minimum.

We should therefore be grateful if contributors who have access to word processors would use them; let us know that they have used them; and keep their contributions on diskette or tape until editing is complete.

It goes without saying, however, that we are no less happy to receive articles prepared in more traditional ways.

The Editors