Theological Research Methods II:

Referencing, Bibliography and Everything Else

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Learning Outcomes

1. Features of the Turabian Referencing Style

2. Employing Microsoft Word for Referencing in the RP

3. Constructing the Bibliography

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Academic Writing and Referencing

- Academic Integrity:
  - Referencing properly gives credit to the original sources of information, ideas, and theories used in the writing.
  - This demonstrates respect for intellectual property and avoids plagiarism, which is a serious academic offense.
- Support for Arguments:
  - Referencing provides evidence and support for the claims, analyses, and conclusions presented in the academic work.
  - It allows readers to verify the information and follow up on sources if needed.
- Credibility and Persuasiveness:
  - Enhances credibility of the work, as it shows that the information is well-researched and properly attributed.
  - This can make the arguments more persuasive and compelling to the reader.
- Situating the Work:
  - Situates the work within the broader academic discourse and intellectual tradition.
  - Demonstrates familiarity with the relevant literature and their ability to engage with existing knowledge.
- Facilitating Further Research:
  - Allow readers to easily locate and access the sources cited in the work.
  - Aids in further research and scholarship building on the writer's work.

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Background of the Turabian Referencing System

- Background:
  - Widely used in social sciences, including history, sociology, philosophy, and religion.
  - Provides a standardized way to cite sources and format academic papers, ensuring consistency and proper attribution of ideas and information.
- In-text citations:
  - Author-date style: (Author's last name, date)
  - Note style: Superscript numbers in the text that correspond to footnotes or endnotes.
- Reference list or bibliography:
  - Entries are listed alphabetically by the author's last name.
  - Each entry includes the author's name, title of the work, publication information (publisher, date, etc.).
  - The format varies depending on the type of source (book, journal article, website, etc.).
- Formatting:
  - Double-spaced text with 1-inch margins.
  - Title page, table of contents, lists of figures/tables, etc.
  - Consistent use of headings, subheadings, and indentation.

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Turabian Citation Style

	Structure	Examples
1 author	(Author's last name Year, page numbers)	(Robisheaux 2009, 58-60)
2 authors	(First author's last name and second author's last name Year, page numbers)	(Aciman and Rensin 2009, 32)
3 authors	(First author's last name, second author's last name, and third author's last name Year, page numbers)	(Potter, Coldwater, and King 1998, 48-50)
4+ authors	(First author's last name et al. Year, page numbers)	(Thomas et al. 2020, 96-99)
Editor or translator listed in place of author in reference list	(Editor's or translator's last name Year, page numbers)	(Doyle 1987, 200)

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Liberty University Lecture on Turabian Style

https://watch.liberty.edu/media/t/1_qfhjjqik

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The Function of the Bibliography

1. **Attribution and Acknowledgment:**
   - It provides a comprehensive list of all the sources used and cited in the academic work.
   - This gives proper credit and acknowledgment to the authors, researchers, and publications that have contributed to the ideas and information presented.

2. **Verification and Credibility:**
   - It allows readers to verify the sources used in the work and evaluate the quality and reliability of the references.
   - This enhances the overall credibility of the academic work.

3. **Further Research and Exploration:**
   - It serves as a roadmap for readers to explore the literature and sources related to the topic.
   - It facilitates further research by providing the necessary information to locate and access the cited sources.

4. **Transparency and Accountability:**
   - It demonstrates the writer's transparency in their research process and accountability for the information presented.
   - It shows that the writer has engaged with the relevant scholarly literature and supports their arguments and conclusions.

5. **Compliance with Academic Standards:**
   - Adhering to a specific referencing style (e.g., APA, MLA, Chicago) to meet the required academic standards
   - This is often a crucial requirement in academic institutions and publications.

6. **Demonstration of Scholarly Engagement:**
   - It reflects the depth and breadth of the writer's engagement with the field of study.
   - Showcases the writer's familiarity with the existing literature and their ability to situate their work within the broader academic discourse.

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8.0 Bibliography

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[Insert a preliminary bibliography of at least 20 sources.]

My Self-Assessment of Bibliography

	Yes /No/NA
1. I have Correctly formulated the bibliography according to **Turabian** requirements	
2. The bibliography covers sufficient (at least 10) seminal, relevant, recent (within last 10yrs) titles	

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Questions?

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