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Bibliography: Last name of author 1, First name, and First name Last name of author 2. *Title*

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Rasmussen, Carl, and Mark Reasoner. The Significance of the Old Testament

for Today. Jerusalem: Hebrew Press, 1986.

A Journal Article

In-text citation: (Last name Year, Page No.) (Holmes 2005, 145)

Bibliography: Last name of author, First name. "Article Title." Journal Title in Italics vol.

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Holmes, Michael. "Romans." The Life and Teachings of Paul 1, 3 (2005): 143-

156.

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In-text citation: (Last name Year, Page No.) (Novakovic 1995, 4)

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of Ency. Or Dictionary. Edited by Name of Editor. No. of Volumes. City

of Publication: Publisher, Year.

Novakovic, Lidja. "Mary Magdalene: NOT a Prostitute." Pages 4-6 in vol. 7 of

The Encyclopedia of Jesus and His Teachings. Edited by Gary Long. 9

vols. London: Queen's Publishing, 1995.

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Eddy, Paul. The Gospel of Mark. Spiritual Warfare in the New Testament and

Today 3. Paris, France: Baguette Books, 1987.

Internet Sources

In-text citation: (Last name Year) (Bilby 2006)

Bibliography: Last name of Author (if there is one listed), First name. "Article Title." No

pages. Date you found information on the site (format Day Month Year).

Online: http://www.fullwebaddress.

Bilby, Jim. "The Hobbits' Spiritual Journey." No pages. 4 June 2006. Online:

http://www.theologyofJRRTolkein.com/LOTR/hobbits.

Scripture In-text References

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