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About this project

everyword in a flash:

This project attempts to increase interfaith interaction and cohesion by creating a crowdsourced study Bible. The website works like this: users are able to annotate the scriptures with their own insights, interpretations, as well as videos, music, books, or other relevant resources. These annotations will be publicly visible, and any registered member may then use them to enhance their own study. Results may be filtered by religion, author, medium, and so on.

By crowdsourcing Biblical commentary, everyword seeks to bring people of diverse faiths and perspective together in a common goal and allow them to support one another in the most basic of Christian habits—scripture study. The power of the project, we believe, is just this: Nothing breaks down barriers, fills in trenches, or curbs animosity so well as working side by side towards a common goal.

To get a hands-on feel for the site checkout our [invision prototype](#).

It is important to note that if we fail to reach our goal, we will likely have to abandon the project. The existence of this site and the benefits of the interfaith collaboration it could offer depends strongly on a multitude of people catching the vision, supporting the site, and inviting others to do the same.

If you like the interfaith vision of this project please donate ten dollars so that we can make this website a reality! We need to raise 5,000 dollars so that we can hire a few programmers/web developers.

Rewards

Pledge \$10 or more

👤 72 backers

Because we would like our fundraising to match our product philosophy, we would rather be funded by many people giving a little than a few people giving a lot. We are only asking people to donate \$10. If you love the interfaith vision of this product and want to give more, then share it with three specific friends of different faiths. Share your excitement with others. Our success is not only measured by the money we make but by the number and variety of people we can get invested in this vision.

Everyone who donates anything will be included on the website as an original founder and will be able to contribute a 180 character epigram below their names capturing their vision for the site. You will also be added as a commentator on our webpage prototype where you will be able to help determine preferred design

Thanks for your help!

A more exhaustive description of the site:

There are a multitude of study Bibles online offering impressive resources for anyone interested in exploring Greek and Hebrew etymologies and culture. I prefer using the Blue Letter Bible myself. But sometimes they feel a bit dry. They forget that the Bible and Bible verses have inspired art, music, poetry, philosophy, et cetera, from diverse religions and perspectives. There is a whole world of biblical reception that, for the most part, remains ignored. That's why we are creating an online, crowd-sourced, interfaith study Bible. We are interested in hearing anyone's response to the scriptures—Jew, Gentile, Mormon, Atheist, Catholic, Muslim, anyone. We want to connect verses to sermons from Methodist ministers, U2 lyrics, the writings of early church fathers', graffiti, and more. Anything that ties back to the Bible is welcome, which is why it is so important to generate a large and diverse following (think Wikipedia: the more followers there are, the more accurate and complete the information is). In that spirit, we invite you to invite others. Anyone you think may be interested.

The problem is that there is so much out there, it's overwhelming. That's why we are crowd-sourcing the project. This will be a massively rewarding interfaith and interdisciplinary project. Perhaps the largest interfaith initiative of its kind.

and function of the site as it is being built. You will also be given early access to the beta version of everword. And we will invite you to a 30 min dance party when we reach our goal! Nothing crazy, just 30 min of good music and low quality dancing.

Estimated
delivery:
Dec 2015



everyword logo

We are crowd-sourcing the page because the project is too large for a select group of editors—even a large group of editors. Too much has already been written (painted, sung, etc.) in too many different venues.

We are interested in everything from country music lyrics to the rabbinical tradition.

What Wikipedia taught us was the power of hobbyists—people like you and me—to contribute to the knowledge base of the world. The problem with encyclopedias before Wikipedia was that they assumed the information they were looking for resided in professors and professionals. The truth is, we all have interests, hobbies, and passions. We all have things we observe, learn, and teach. Wikipedia brought the strength of both the professional and the layman together in a common goal, and now it is more comprehensive and more accurate than any encyclopedia has ever been. Just as Wikipedia revolutionized the way we think about

encyclopedias, everyword will revolutionize the way we study the Bible.

Our project is motivated by the power of a common goal. Our goal is to trace the influence of the Bible wherever we find it—any art, any denomination—and to tie it back into the verses of scripture that inspired it. The ultimate end of this project is a more enriched reading experience and a better understanding of just how influential the Bible has been to various cultures.

Chrysostom (an early church father) explains in "Homily XIII" how Christ is not provoked, endures patiently the temptations. <http://www.ccel.org/ccel/schaff/npnf110.iii.XIII.html>

Dostoyevsky discusses the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness at length in *The Brothers Karamazov*. <http://www.queensu.ca/religion/rels/undergrad/courses/rels268/RELS268DostoyevskyInquisitor.pdf>

C. S. Lewis discusses the idea of appetite in *Mere Christianity*. <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/462154>



command that these stones be made bread.

St Matthew 4:4
But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.



Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle

¹ *tn Grk* "answering, he said." The participle ἀποκριθεὶς (apokriqeis) is redundant, but the syntax of the phrase has been changed for clarity.

² *tn Or* "a person." Greek ὁ ἄνθρωπος (ho anhrwpos) is used generically for humanity. The translation "man" is used because the emphasis in Jesus' response seems to be on his dependence on God as a *man*.

³ *tn Grk* "will not live." The verb in Greek is a future tense, but it is unclear whether it is meant to be taken as a command (also known as an imperatival future) or as a statement of reality (predictive future).

⁴ *sn* A quotation from Deut 8:3.

JS jsabey3
April 19, 2015
I remember C.S Lewis said something about how our hunger for something more suggests it must exist.
3 comments 5 likes

SP sarah36
April 19, 2015
I think of how bread is a staple of life, like manna. They used bread in the temple. It is a potent symbol. But we need more than sustenance to our bodies.
25 comments 30 likes

mock up of a study page

Our project includes:

- An intuitive interface that easily allows users to access, filter, and add information
- An inclusive commentary section which allows users to add their own insights and access a multitude of responses from different perspectives and faith-traditions (this also includes access to commentary from ancient church fathers and contemporary scholars)
- Extensive open-sourced bibliography for referencing materials regarding each verse, chapter, or book of scripture
- A helpful open-sourced maps-and-media section that