

Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate  
Diocese of Mississauga, Vancouver and Western Canada  
**St Paul Theological Seminary**

Course Designator: **NEWT I, II, III**  
Title: **New Testament Introductory Studies**  
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**Course Description & Objective:**

The course purpose is to introduce the N.T. under two main categories:

- 1- The Origin of the N.T., Authority, Inspiration, Infallibility, Canon, Texts and Manuscripts, Language & Translations.
- 2- Introduction to each book of the N.T. Including:
  - Title, Authorship, Date, Place of Origin (Provenance), Addressee(s)
  - Contents (Structure & Composition, Text, Language & Style, Adoption into Canon
  - Contribution to Scriptures, Characteristics, Theological & Historical Themes
  - Some Interpretive Challenges

The courses will be offered in three years

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year: -Origin of the N.T. -The four Gospels -Book of Acts.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year: -The Pauline Epistles (14 Epistles of St. Paul).  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year: -The 7 Catholic Epistles -The Book of Revelation

**Required Text:**

- Notes provided by the Instructor.
- An Introduction to the New Testament, HG Bishop Moussa. ISBN: 977-5300-22-3, & 977-5300-23-1

**Reference Books**

- The Origin of the Bible, Editor: Philip Wesley Comfort. Publisher Inc. Wheaton, Illinois. ISBN: 0-8423-4735-6
- Bible Commentary, Jamieson, Fausset & Brown Commentary, Zandervan, Grand Ray Ridge. ISBN: 310-26570-3
- Strong's Dictionary of the Bible:
- The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, James Strong LLD, S.T.D. Thomas Nelson. ISBN: 0-8407-2072-6, An Introduction to the New Testament, Carson, Moo, & Morris, Publisher: Zondervan. ISBN: 0-310-51940-3

- The Orthodox Study Bible, Nelson, 1292 (Life & Life)
- The McArthur Study Bible, N.K.J.V., World Bibles, ISBN:0-8499-2
- The Beholder of God, Mark, H.H Pope Shenodah
- Some Other Arabic References: will be named throughout the course.

**Course Grading System:**

Attendance	10%
Participation	20%
Final Exam	70%