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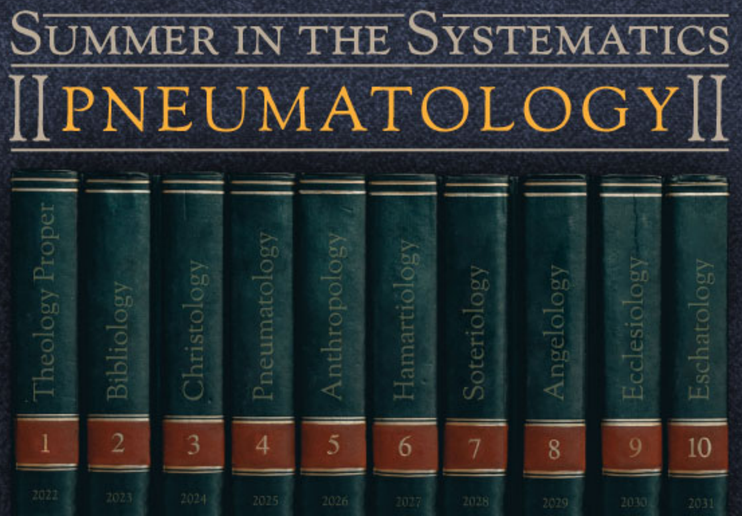
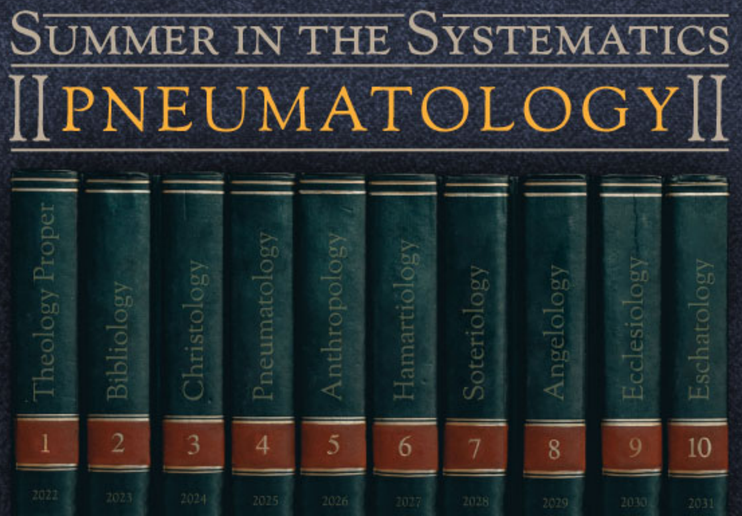
“ . . . every branch of this science is sacred . . . Therefore all fit students are worshippers as well as students.”

William Burr Pope



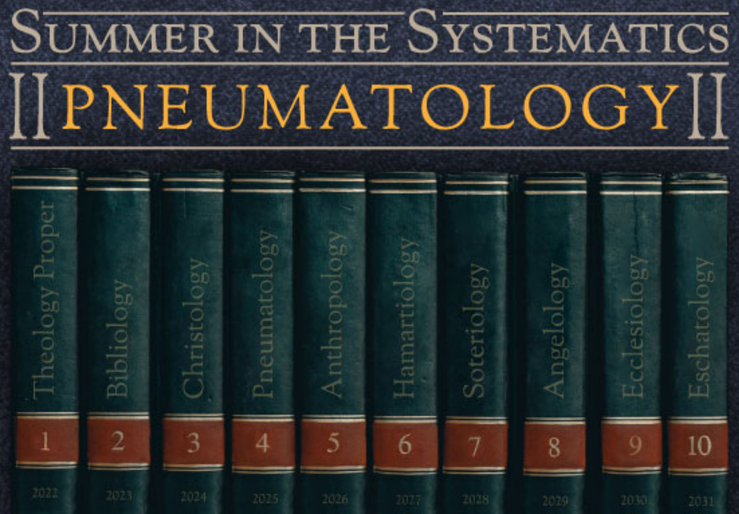
"All theology should be done in the Spirit; what wakes us up to this is the recognition that the theology of the Holy Spirit should be done in the Holy Spirit. Theology itself is, as it were, haunted by the Holy Ghost."

Fred Sanders



“ . . . . do you have a personal and inward proof that the Holy Spirit is none other than God? Has He wrought in you that which no finite power could? Has He brought you from death into life, made you a new creature in Christ . . .”

A.W. Pink



“ . . . imparted to you living faith, filled you with holy longings after God? Does He breathe into you the spirit of prayer, take of the things of Christ and show them unto you, apply to your heart both the precepts and the promises of God? If so, then, these are so many witnesses in your own bosom of the deity of the Blessed Spirit.”

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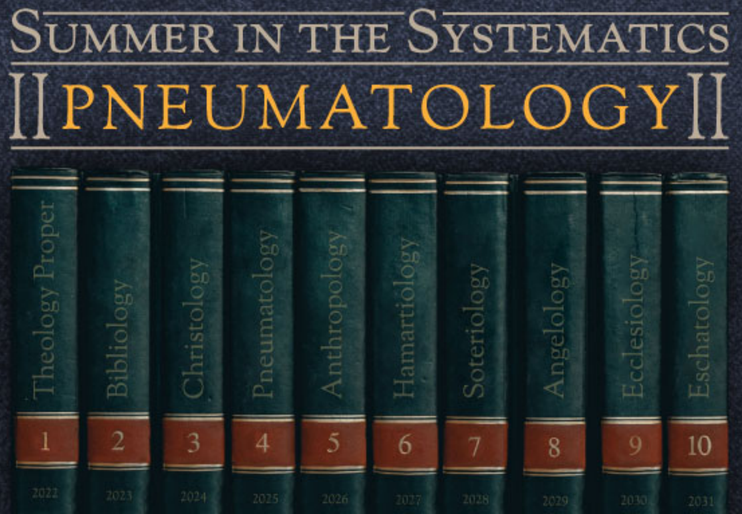

"Although there is probably no place in the flow of Scripture where such a concise, down-to-business proposition like 'the Holy Spirit is God' is flatly stated, there are crucial passages that make the conclusion inescapable."

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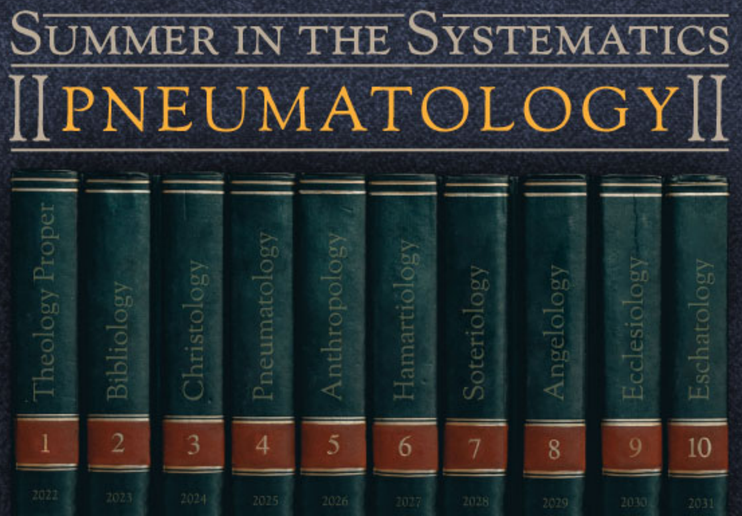
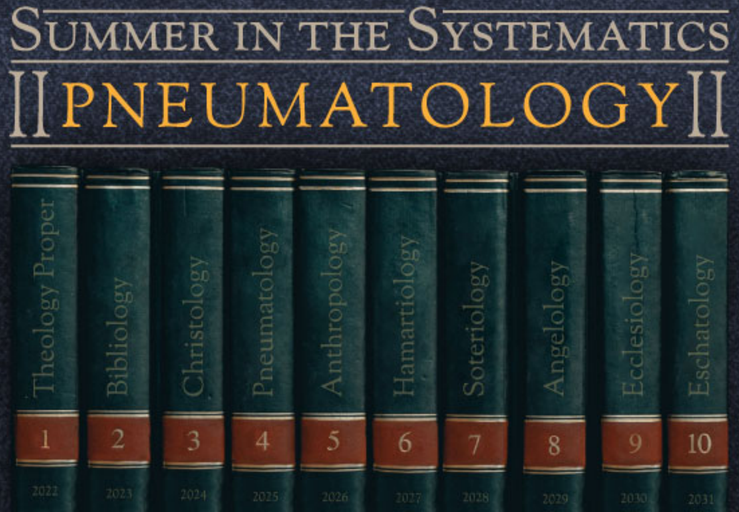


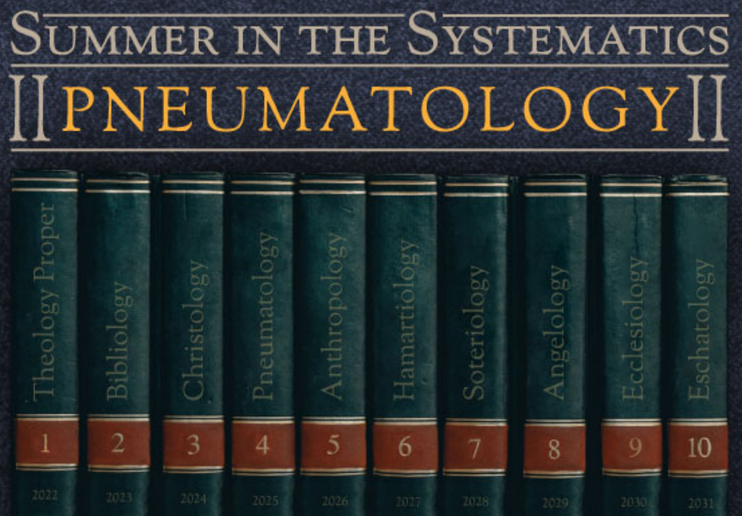
"In the sacred Scriptures, the evidence for the deity of the Holy Spirit is superabundant."

John Walvoord



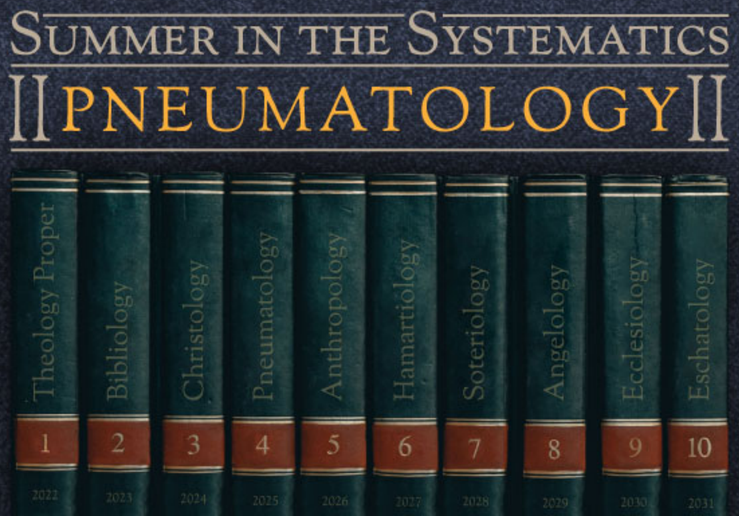
"Since the fourth century his true divinity has never been denied by those who admit his personality."

Charles Hodge



"As fierce as the debates have been regarding the deity of Christ, there has been comparatively little controversy with respect to the deity of the Holy Spirit."

R.C. Sproul



"The Bible so clearly represents the Holy Spirit as possessing divine attributes and exercising divine authority that since the fourth century His deity has rarely been denied by those who agree that He is a person."

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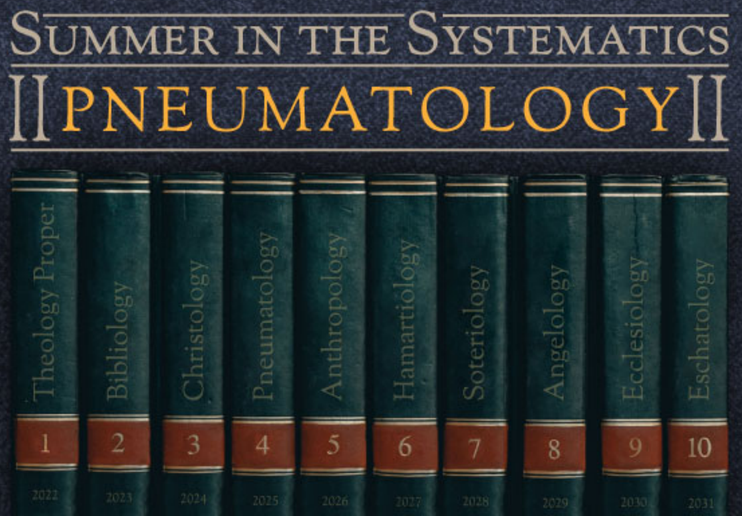
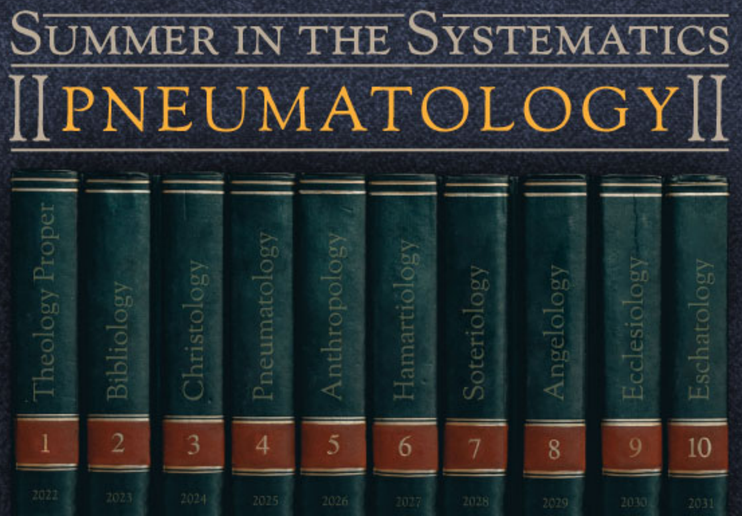


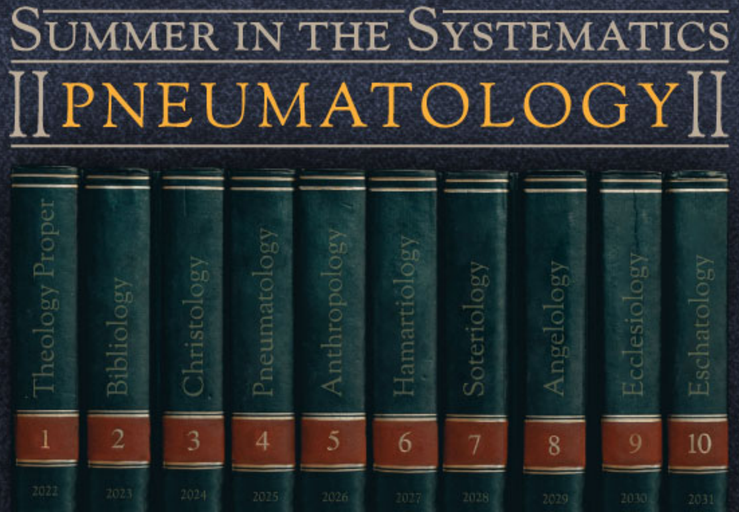
“. . . the Spirit is not just something divine or something akin to God emanating from him, not some sort of action at a distance or some kind of gift detachable from himself, for in the Holy Spirit God acts directly upon us himself, and in giving us his Holy Spirit God gives us nothing less than himself.”

Thomas F. Torrance



"If we once grasp the thought that the Holy Spirit is a Divine Person of infinite majesty, glory and holiness and power, who in marvelous condescension has come into our hearts to make His abode there and take possession of our lives and make use of them . . ."

R.A. Torrey



“ . . . it will put us in the dust and keep us in the dust. I can think of no thought more humbling or more overwhelming than the thought that a person of Divine majesty and glory dwells in my heart and is ready to use even me.”

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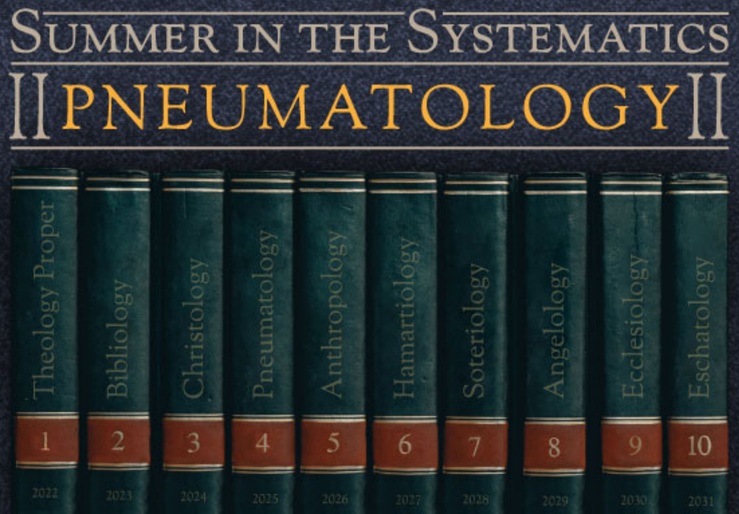
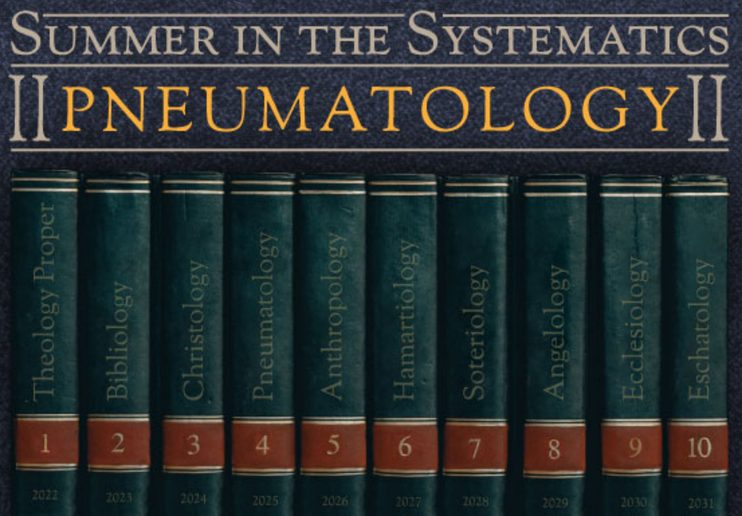


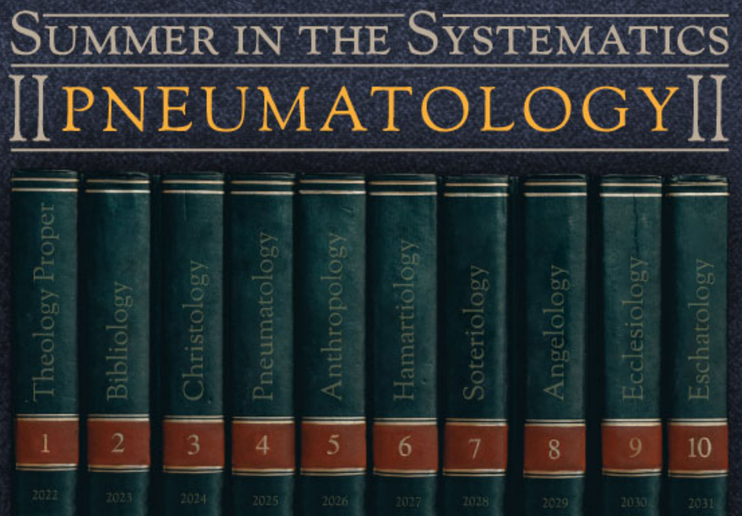
"Every time we say, 'I believe in the Holy Spirit,' we mean that we believe that there is a living God able and willing to enter human personality and change it."

J.B. Phillips



"No words are adequate to express the excellence and dignity of the gift of the divine Spirit."

Robert Hall, Jr.



THE DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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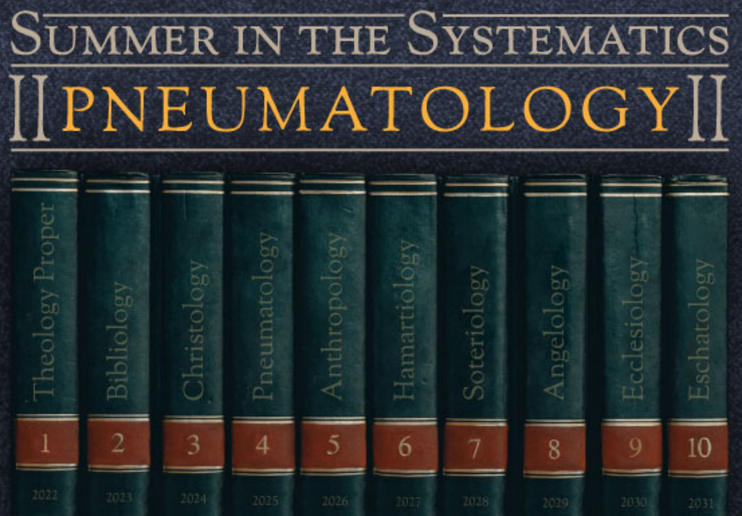

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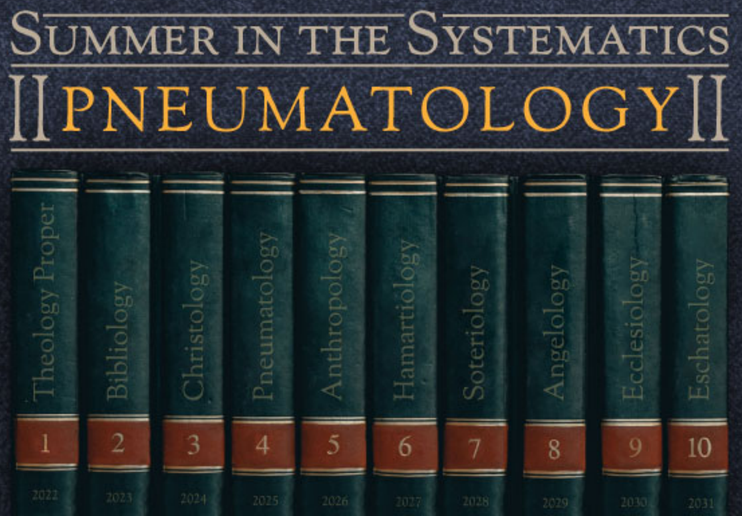

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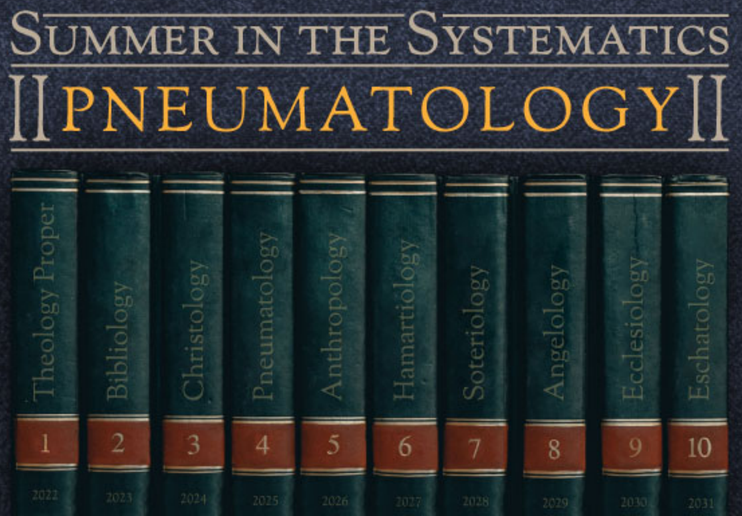

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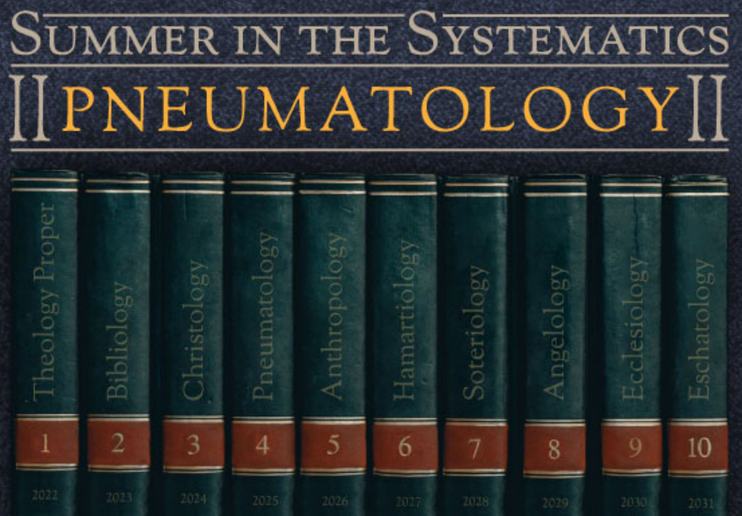

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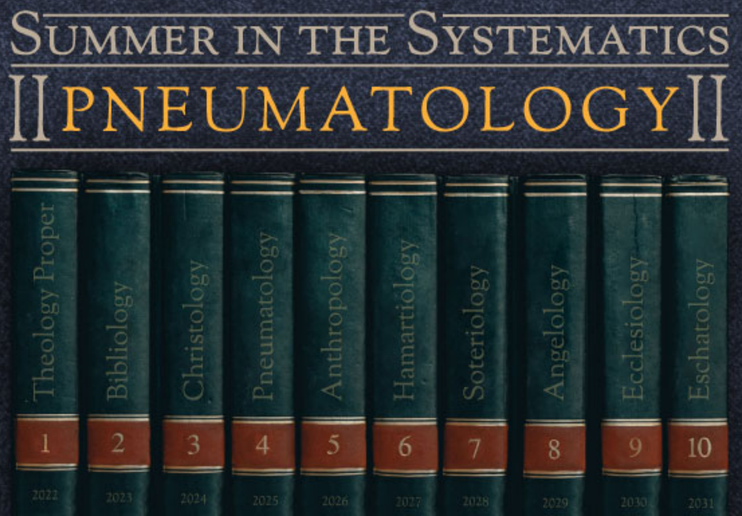
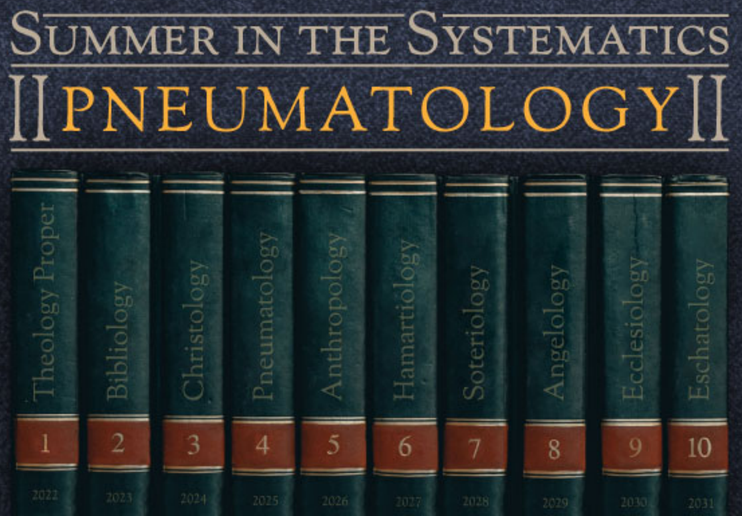


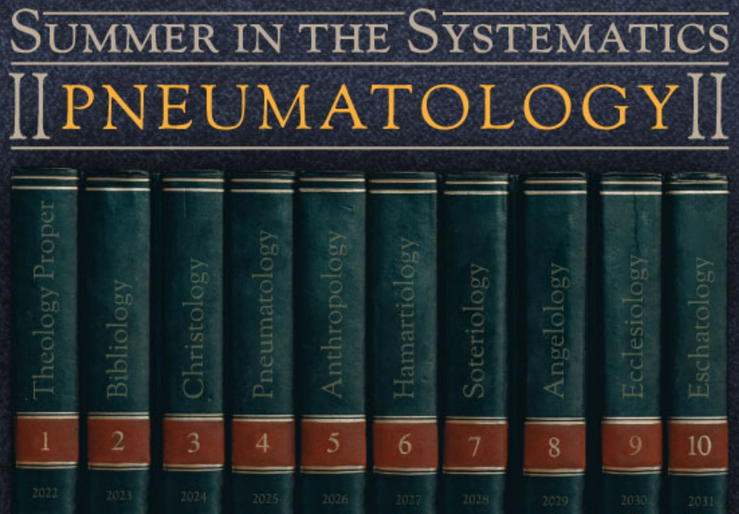
"And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and <u>the Spirit of God</u> was hovering over the surface of the waters."

Genesis 1:2



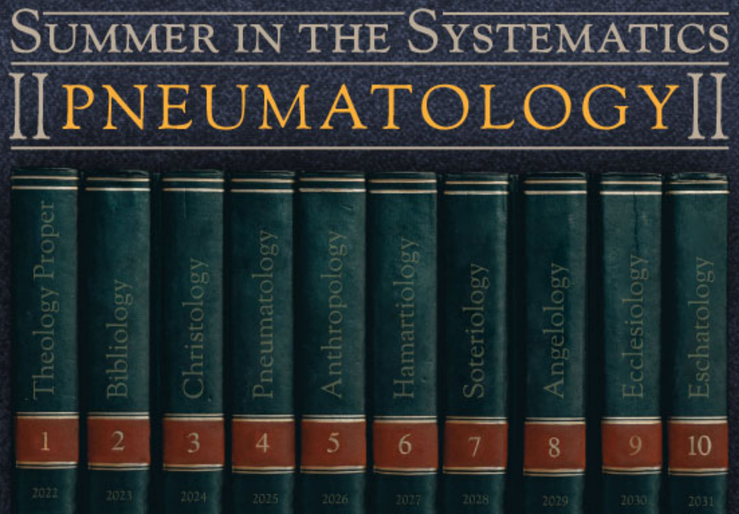
"Do you not know that you are a sanctuary of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

1 Corinthians 3:16



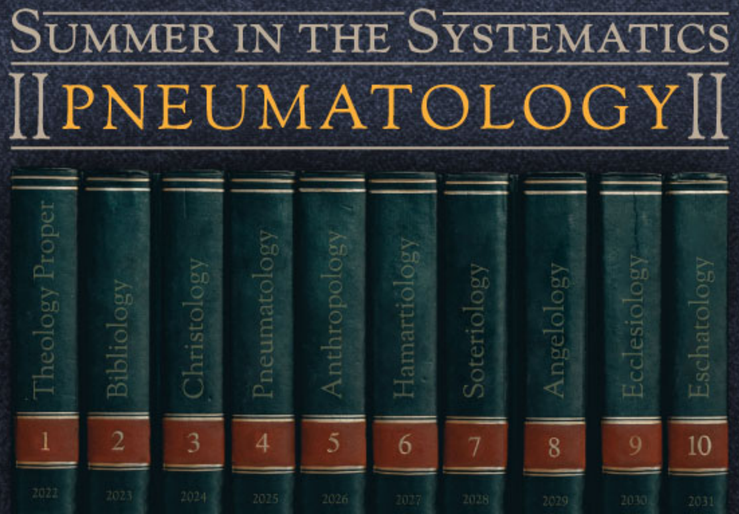
"And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God."

1 Corinthians 6:11



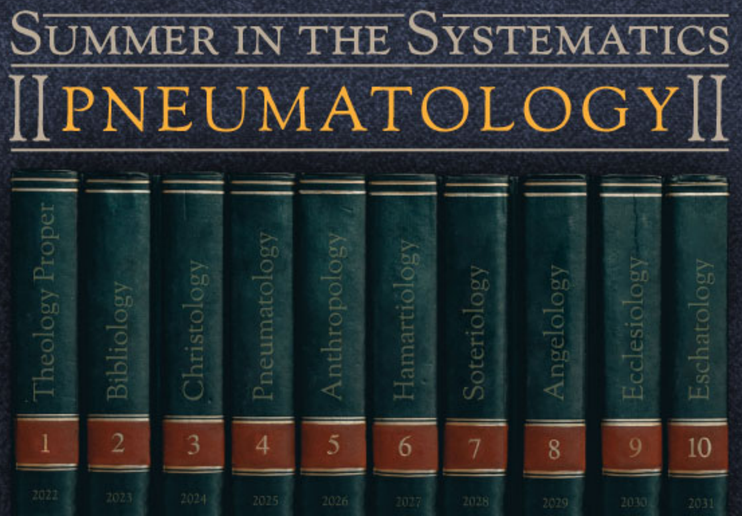
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me . . ."

Luke 4:18



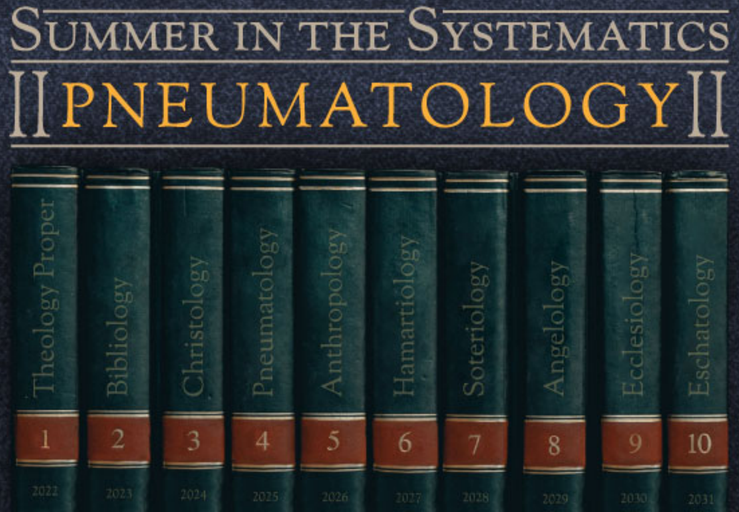
“ . . . you are a letter of Christ, ministered to by us, having been written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of hearts of flesh.”

2 Corinthians 3:3



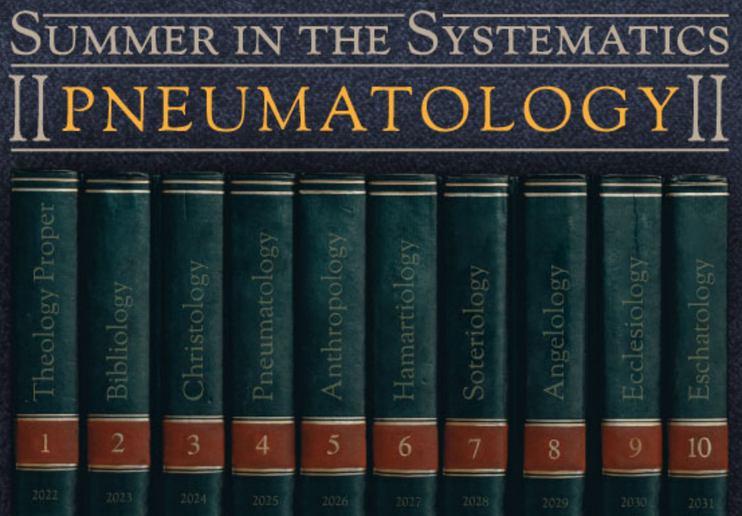
"And the Spirit of Yahweh came upon him, and he judged Israel."

Judges 3:10



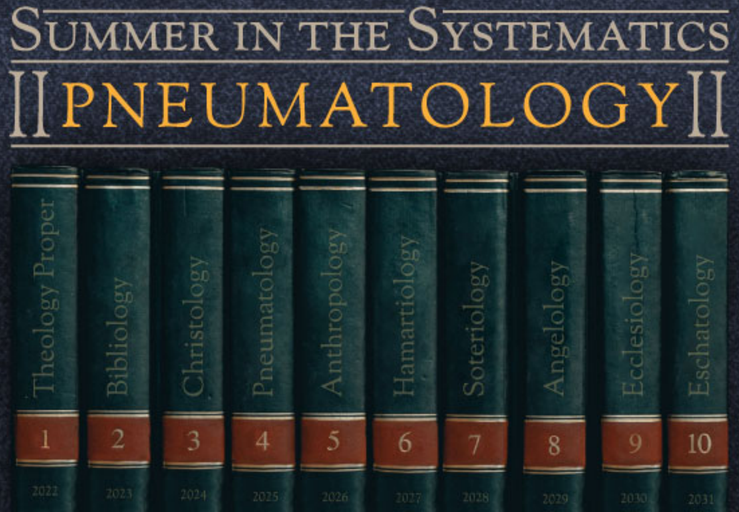
"Would that all the people of Yahweh were prophets, that Yahweh would put His Spirit upon them!"

Numbers 11:29



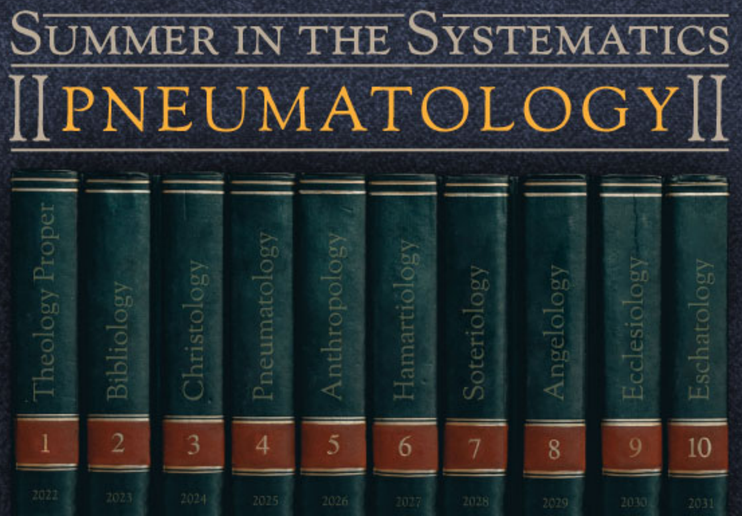
"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

Psalm 139:7



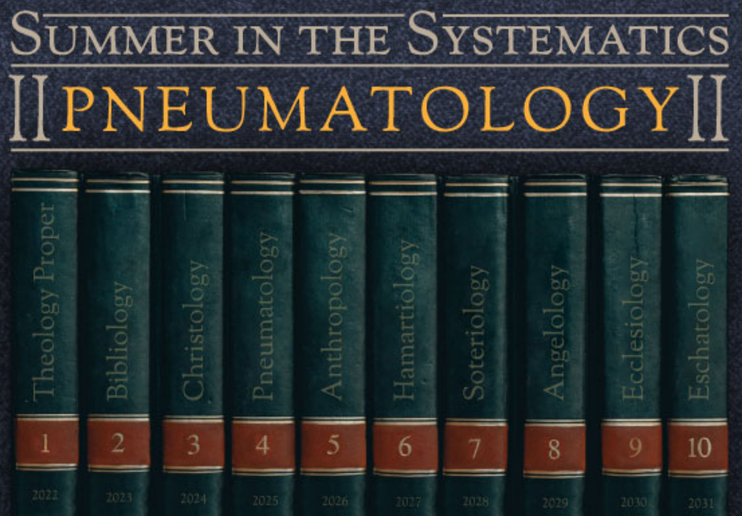
"My Spirit shall not strive with man forever because he indeed is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be 120 years."

Genesis 6:3



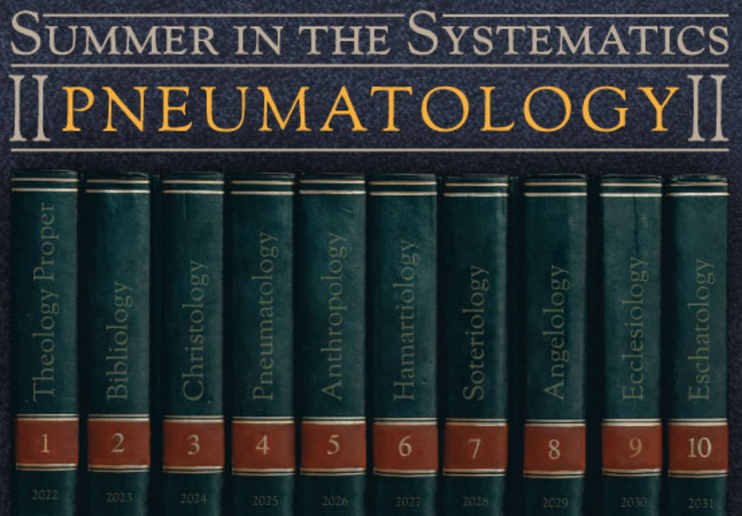
"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

Romans 8:11



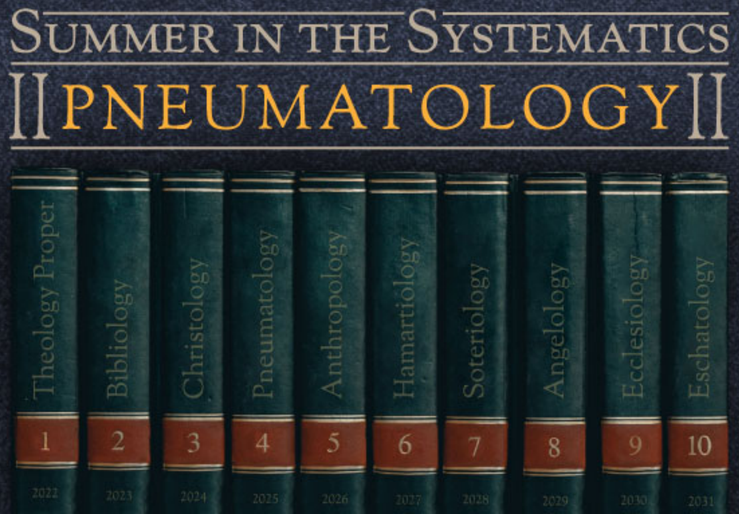
"Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that THIS WILL TURN OUT FOR MY SALVATION through your prayers and the provision of <u>the Spirit of Jesus Christ</u> . . ."

Philippians 1:18-19



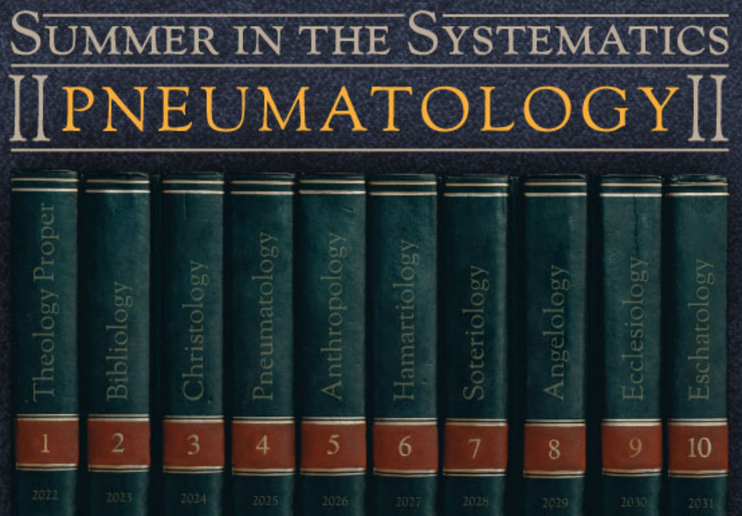
"Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, made careful searches and inquiries, inquiring to know what time or what kind of time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He was predicting the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow."

1 Peter 1:10-11



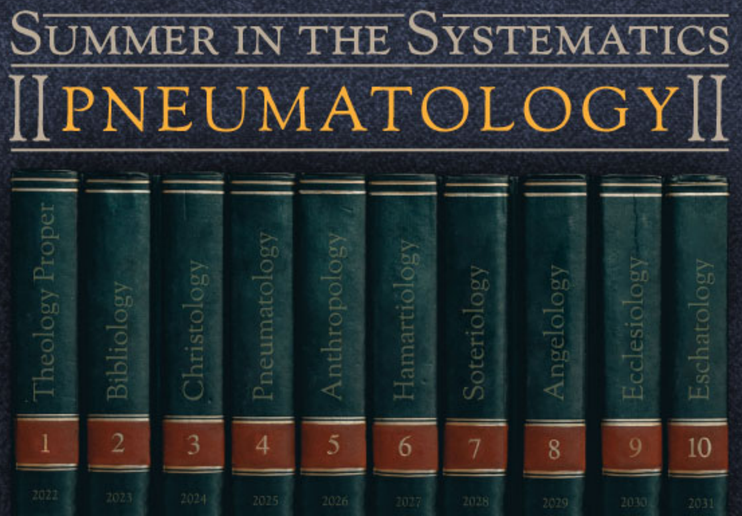
“ . . . after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and <u>the Spirit of Jesus</u> did not permit them.”

Acts 16:7



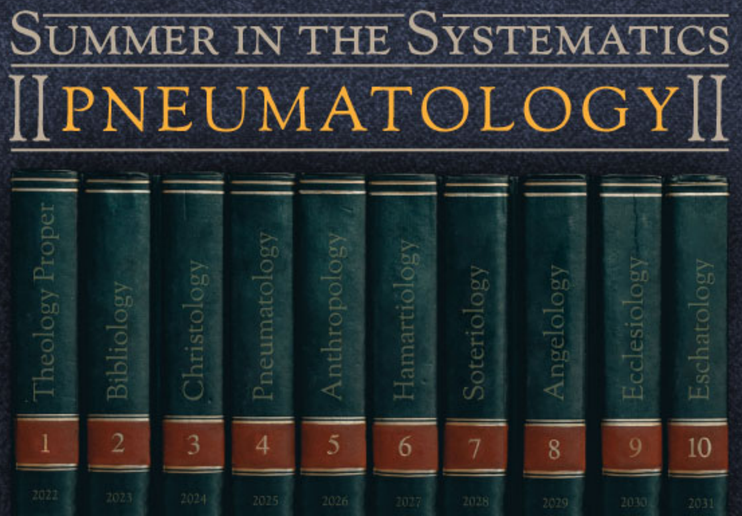
"And because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'"

Galatians 4:6



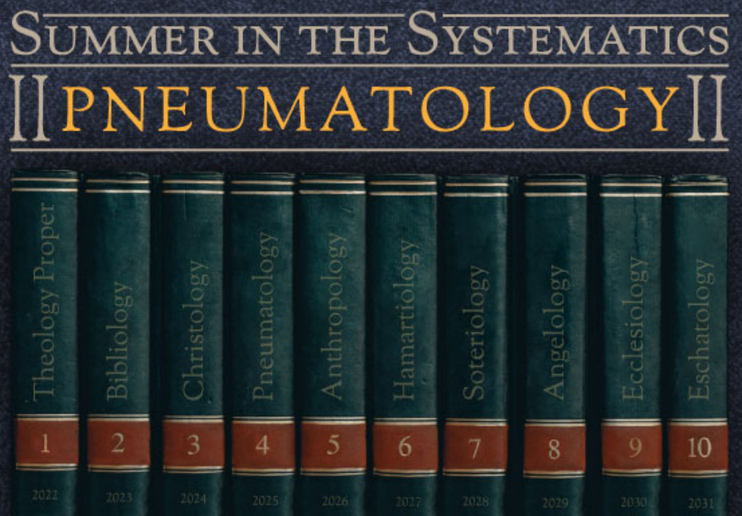
"When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away, and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing."

Acts 8:39



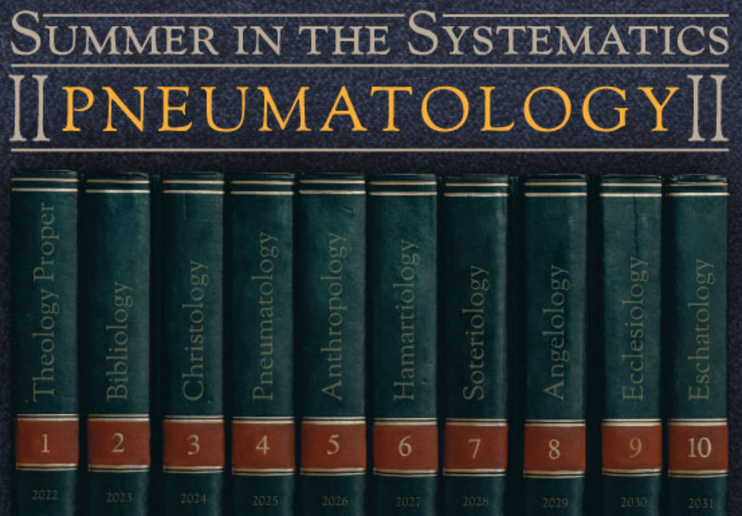
"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you <u>another Advocate</u>, that He may be with you forever."

John 14:16



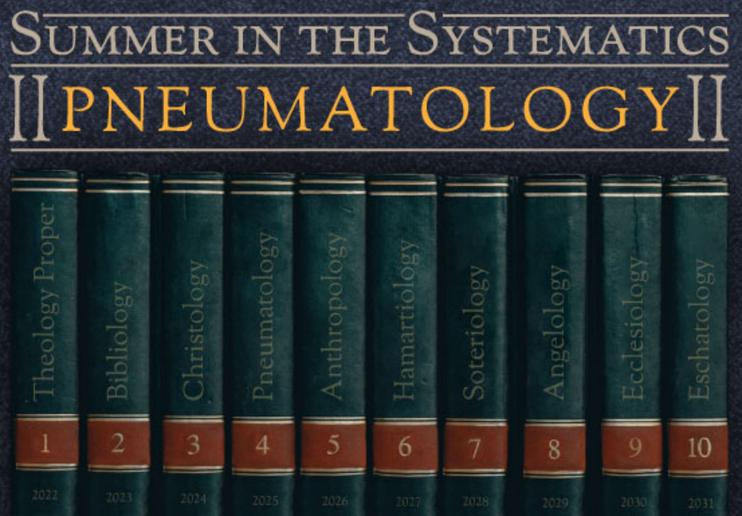
“ . . . an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the One who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 1:20



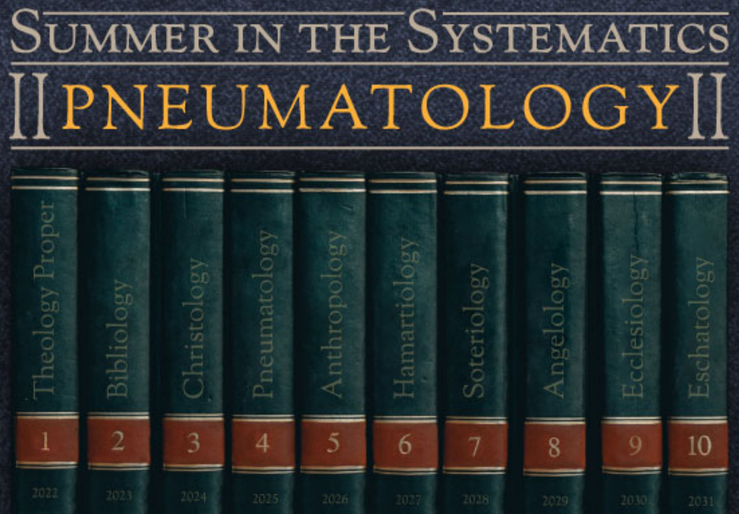
"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

Luke 11:13



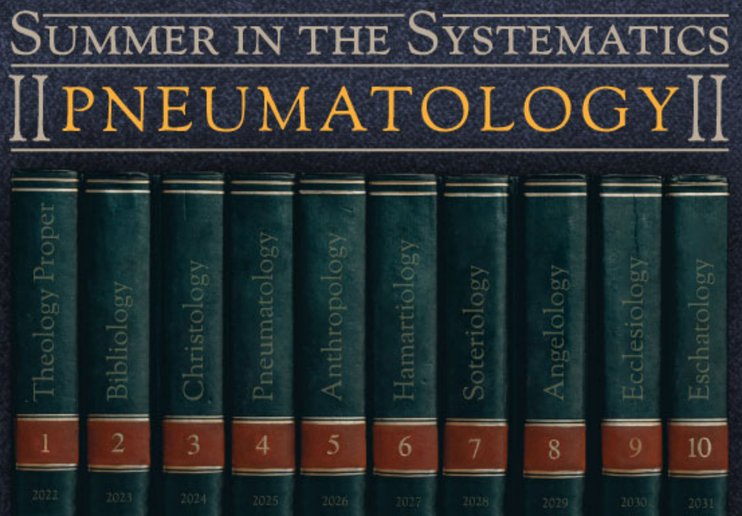
"But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge. And bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet."

Acts 5:1-4



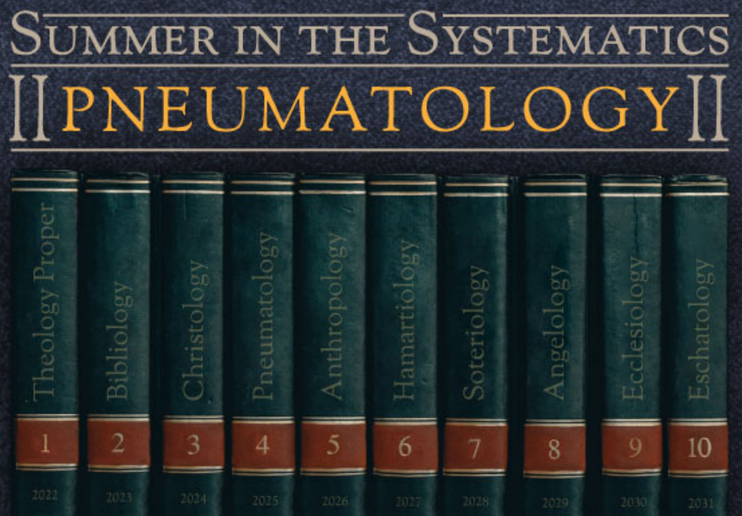
"But Peter said, 'Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own?"

Acts 5:1-4



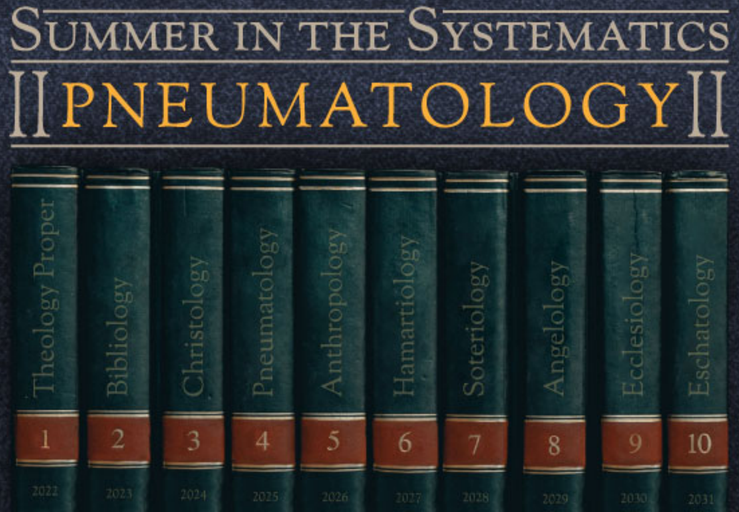
"And after it was sold, was it not under your authority? Why is it that you laid this deed in your heart? <u>You have not lied to men but to God</u>.'"

Acts 5:1-4



"The many titles of the Holy Spirit with their manifold meaning speak eloquently of the beauties of His Person and the wonders of His attributes. The many aspects revealed speak of His infinite Person, equal in power and glory with the Father and the Son."

John Walvoord



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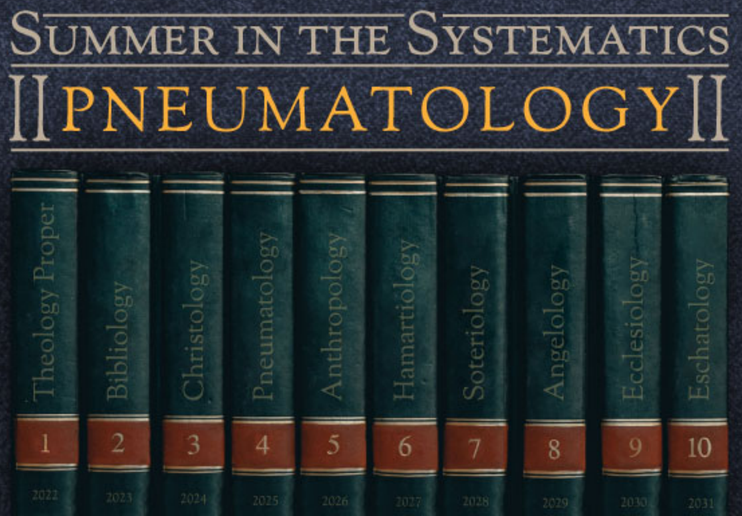

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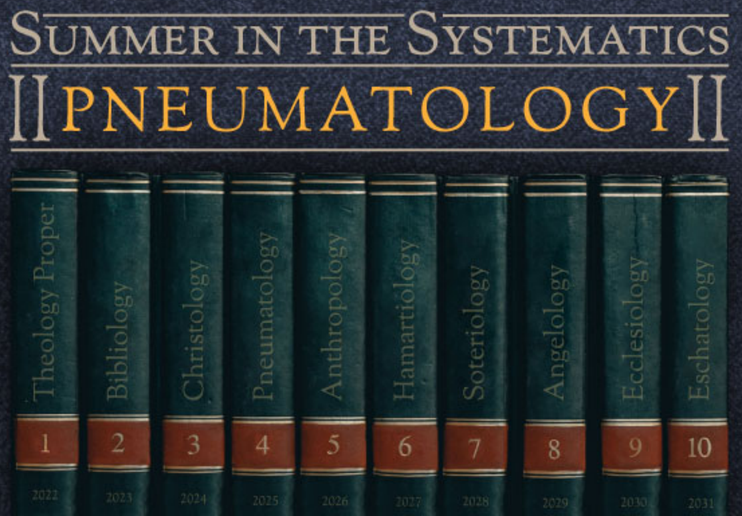
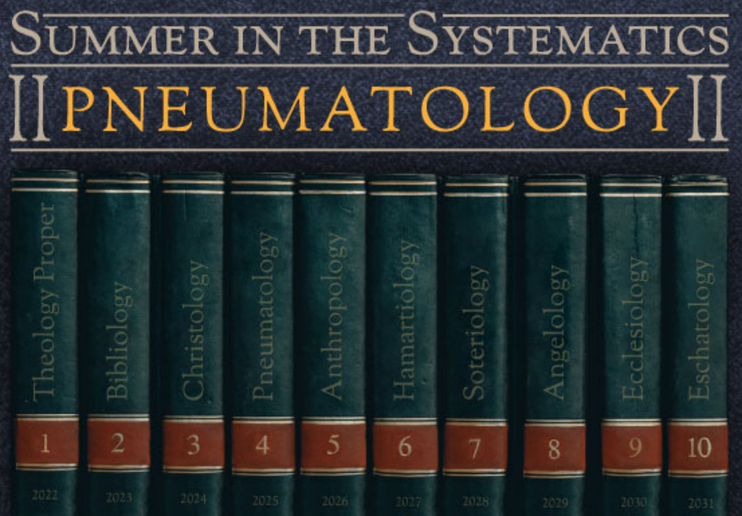


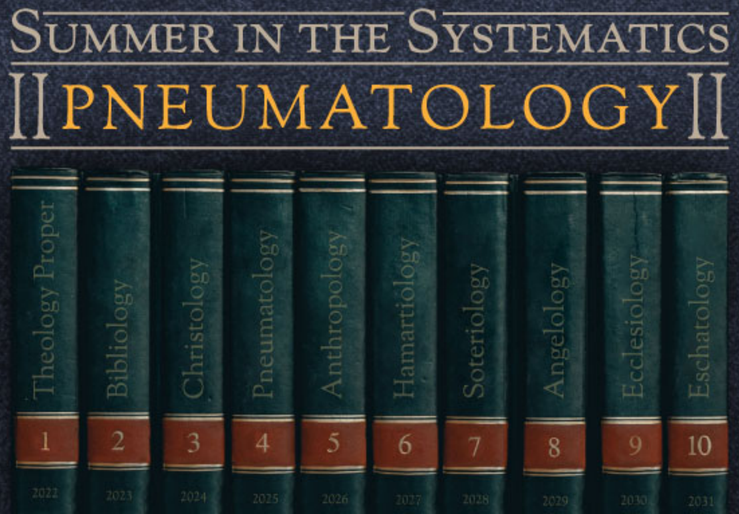
"Omniscience is the knowledge of God that includes all things past, present, and future, immediately, simultaneously, and eternally . . ."

Rolland McCune



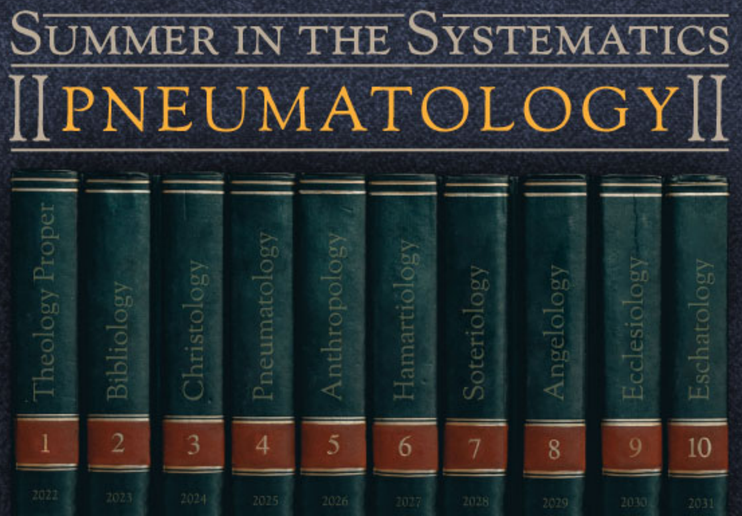
"Who has encompassed the Spirit of Yahweh, or as His counselor has informed Him?"

Isaiah 40:13



"But to us God revealed them through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God."

1 Corinthians 2:10



THE OMNIPRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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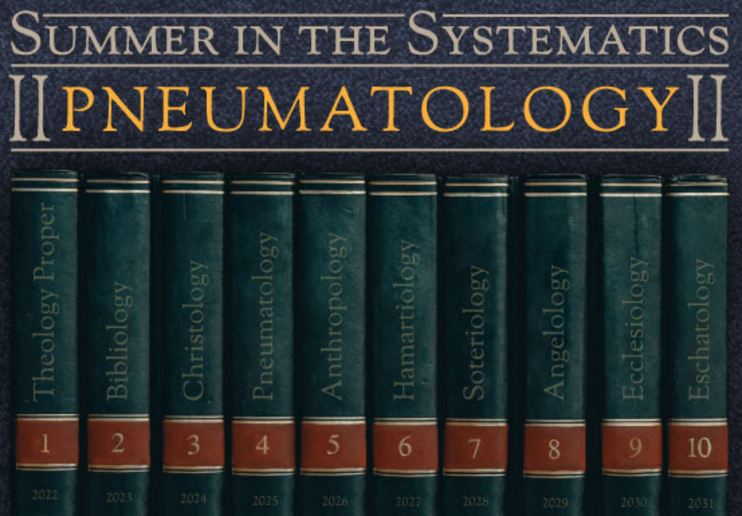
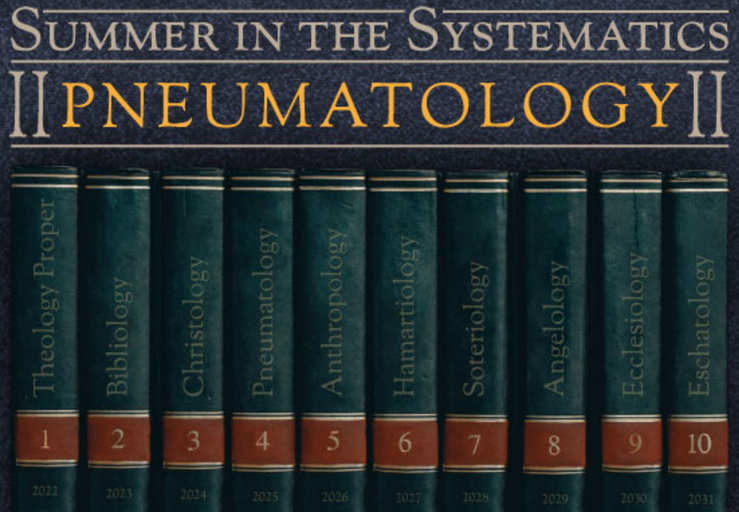
"God, in the totality of his essence, without diffusion or expansion, multiplication or division, penetrates and fills the universe in all its parts."

Augustus Strong



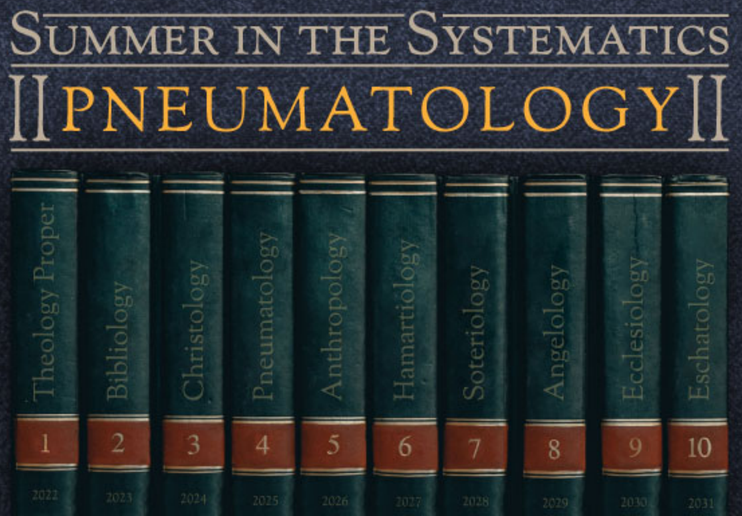
"God's center is everywhere and his circumference is nowhere."

Thomas Watson



"Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there."

Psalm 139:7-10



"If I lift up the wings of the dawn,
if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
even there Your hand will lead me,
and Your right hand will lay hold of me."

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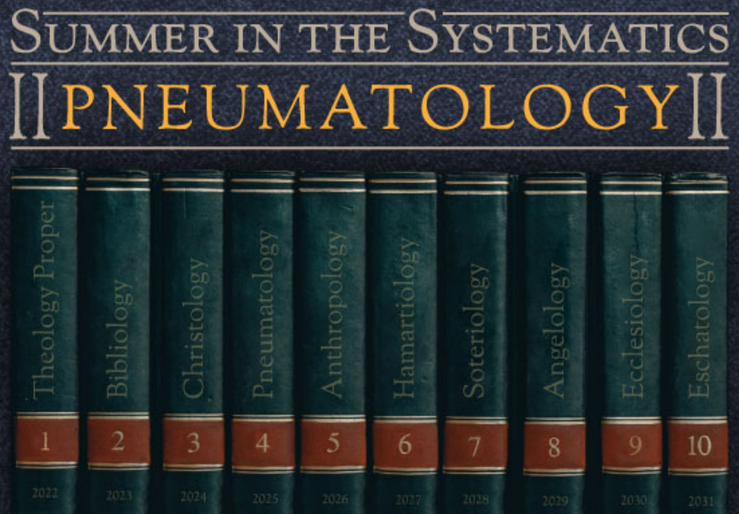

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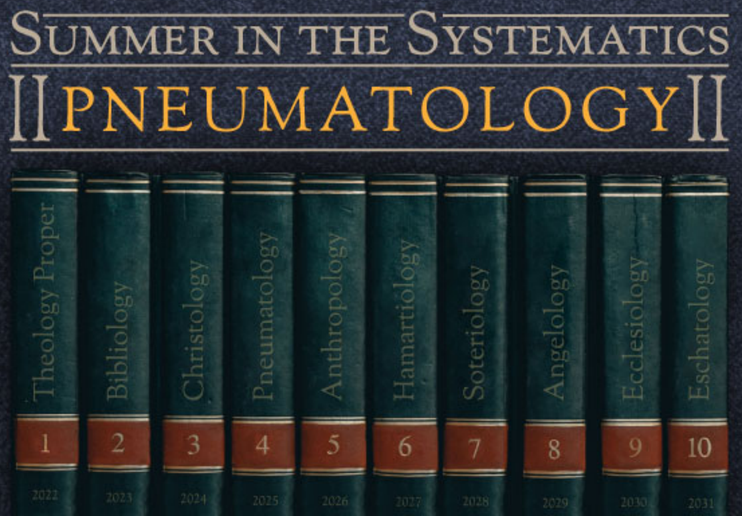
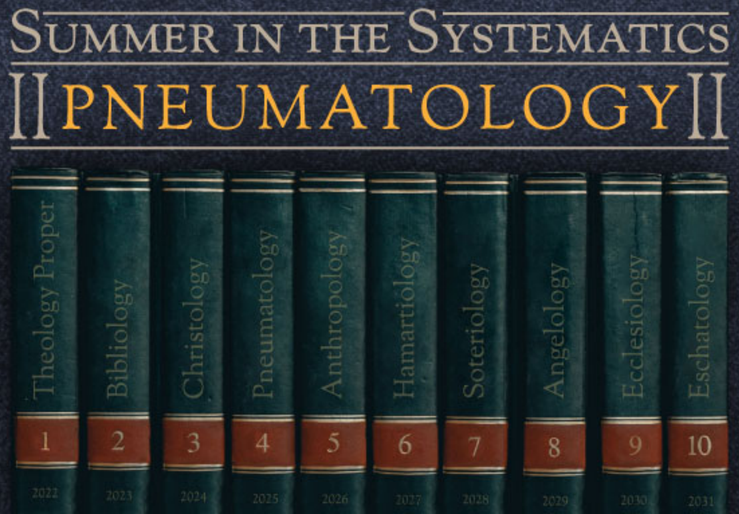


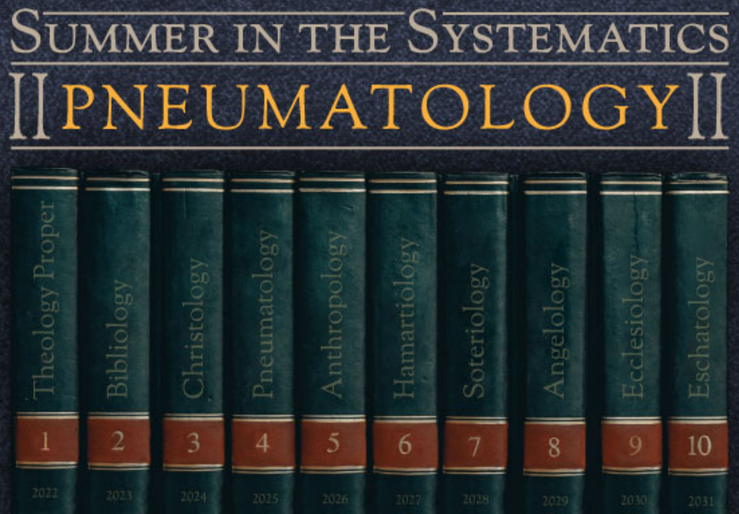
"God's omnipotence describes his ability to do anything consistent with his nature."

John MacArthur
and Richard Mayhue



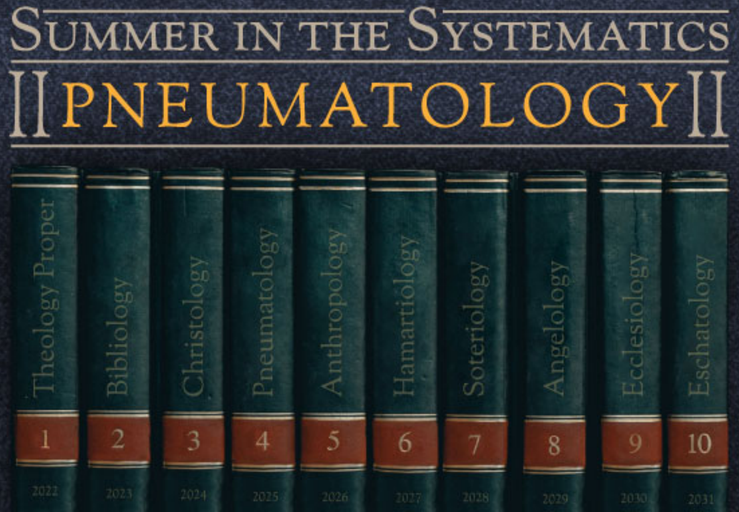
“Is anything too hard for Yahweh?”

Genesis 18:14



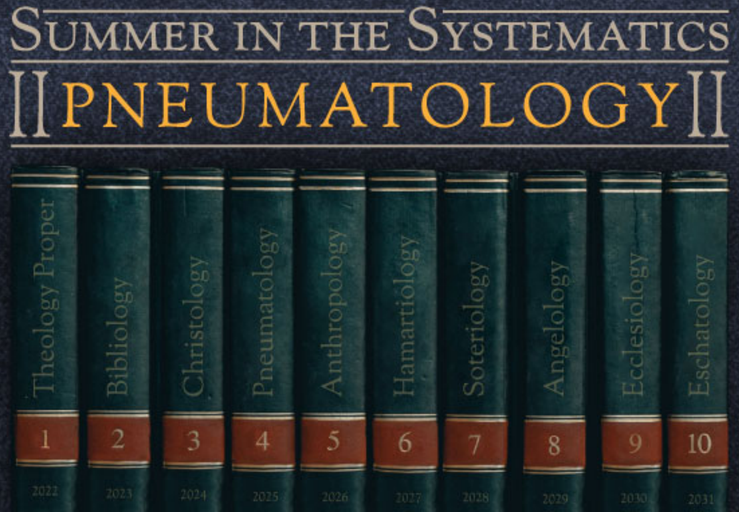
“For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Luke 1:37



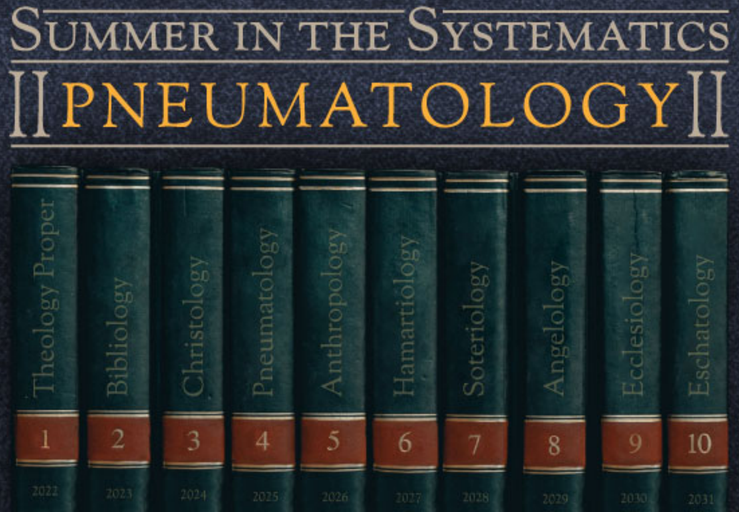
"The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life."

Job 33:4



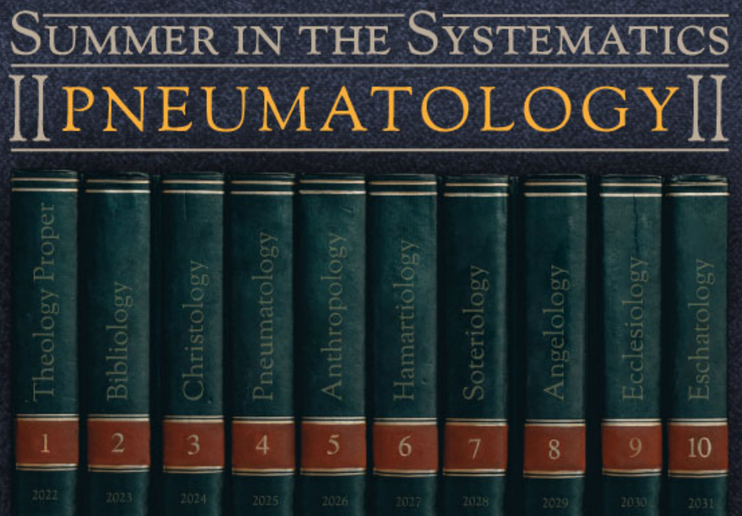
"You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the ground."

Psalm 104:30



"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God."

Luke 1:35



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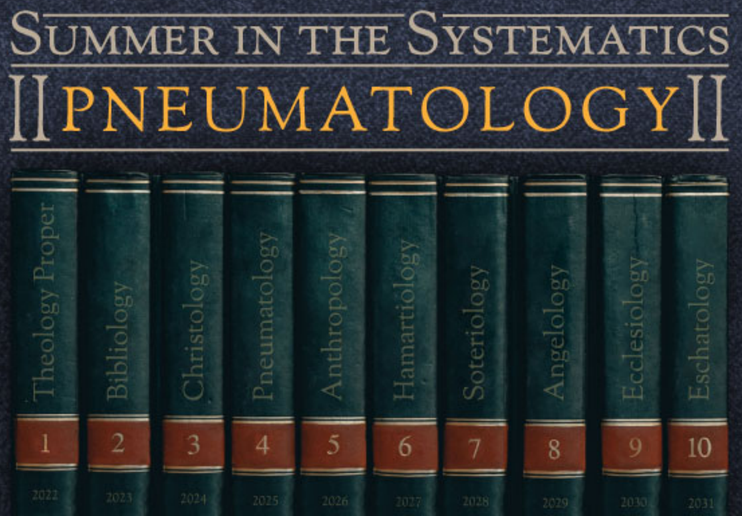
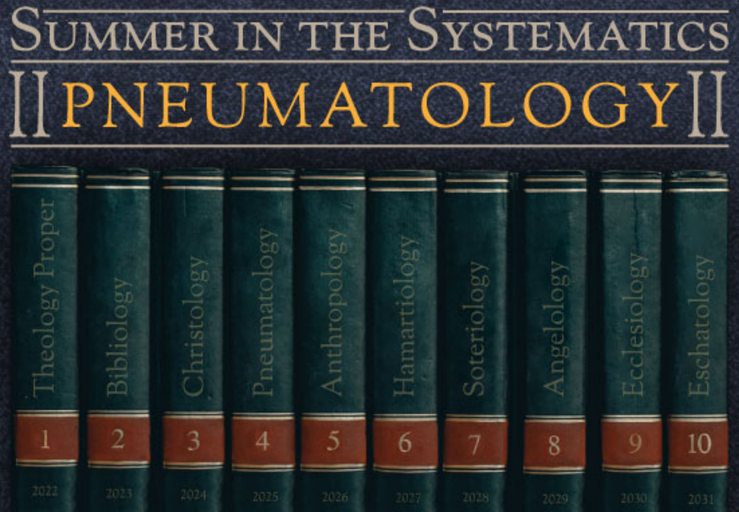


"The Bible writers explicitly teach and continuously assume that the being of God is eternal, both as to the past and as to the future. God has always existed and always will exist. He never began to be. He never will cease to be."

J. Oliver Buswell



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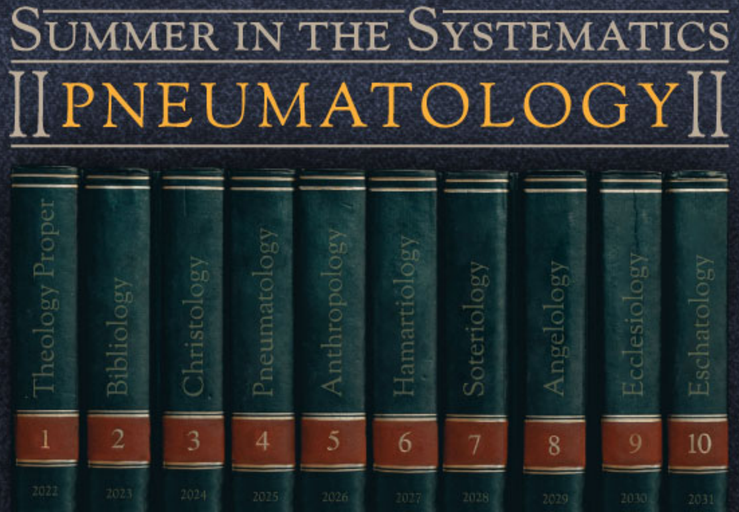
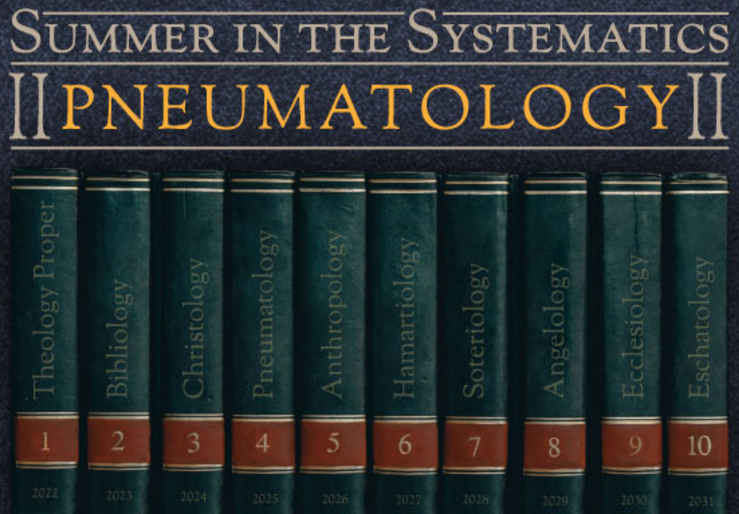


"For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through <u>the eternal Spirit</u> offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Hebrews 9:13-14



THE LOVE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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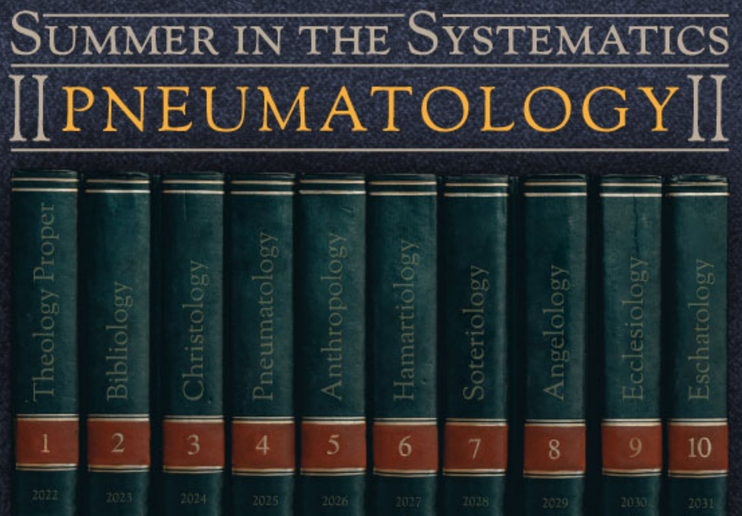
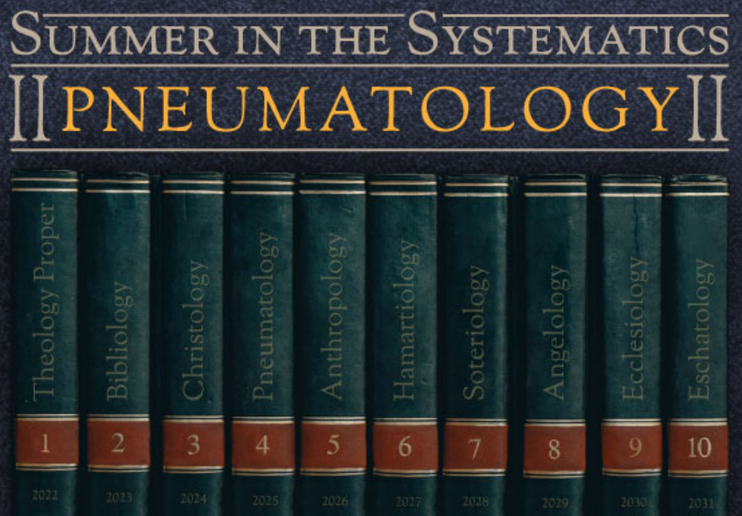
"Divine love may be defined as that in God which moves Him to give of Himself and His gifts freely, spontaneously, and eternally to personal beings without regard to their merit or response."

Rolland McCune



"Now I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me."

Romans 15:30



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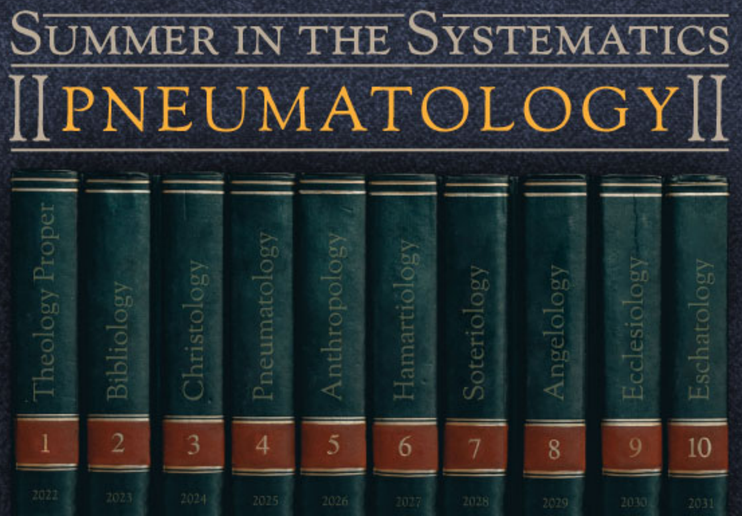
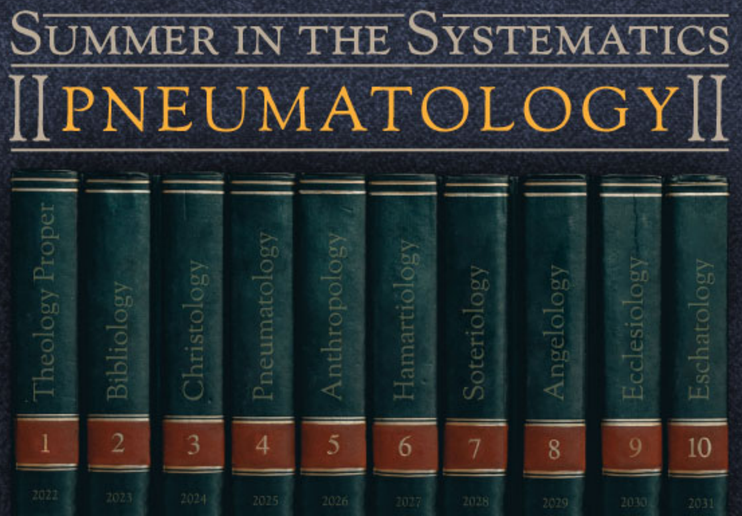


"God is absolutely separate from and exalted above all his creatures, and he is equally separate from all moral evil and sin."

Henry Clarence Thiessen



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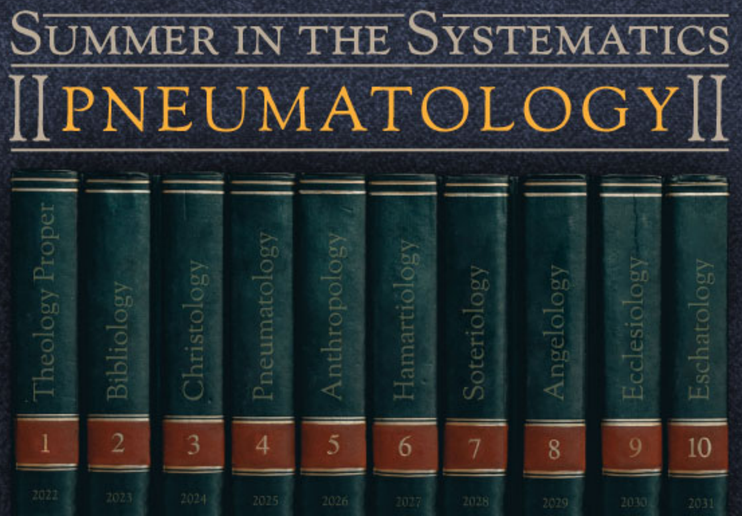
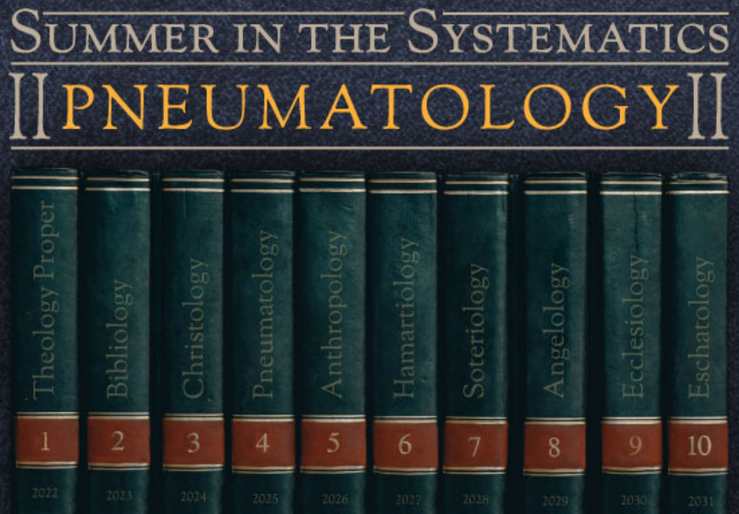


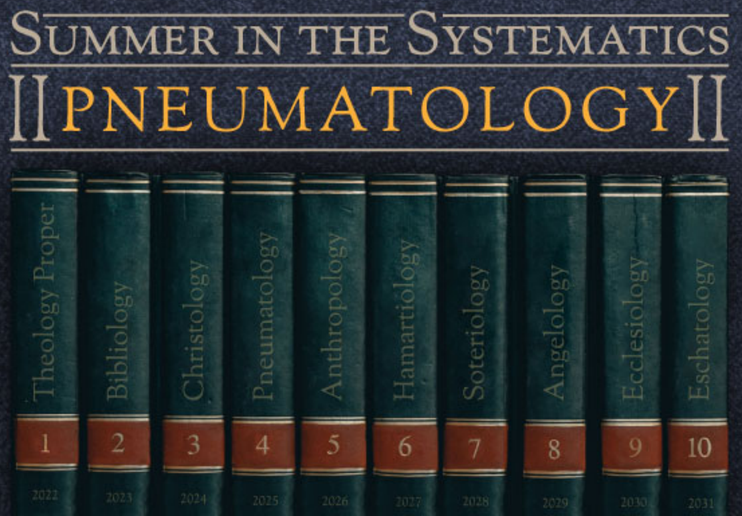
"But you have an anointing from the Holy One."

1 John 2:20



"Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus . . . who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, who was designated as the Son of God in power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord . . ."

Romans 1:1-4



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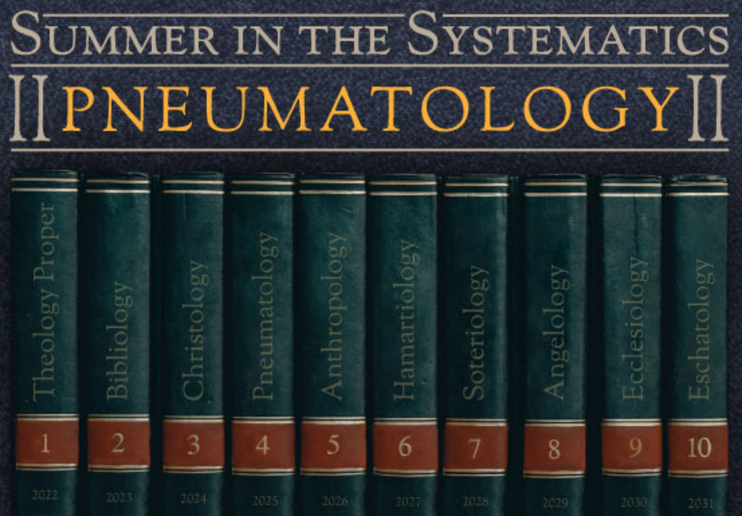

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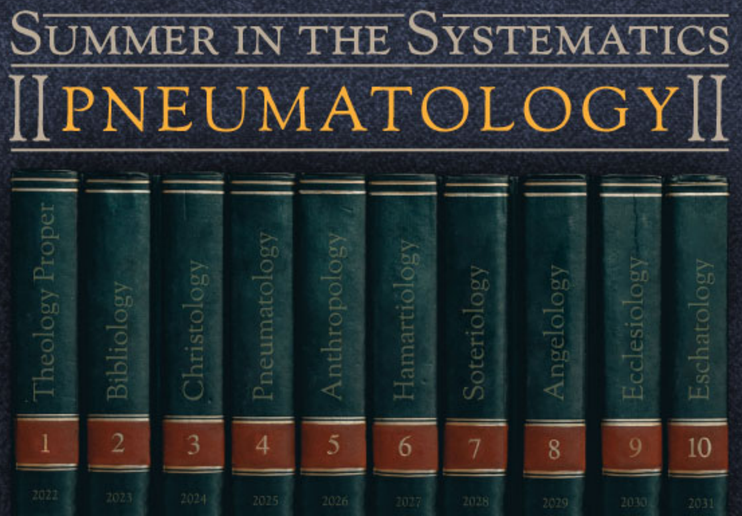
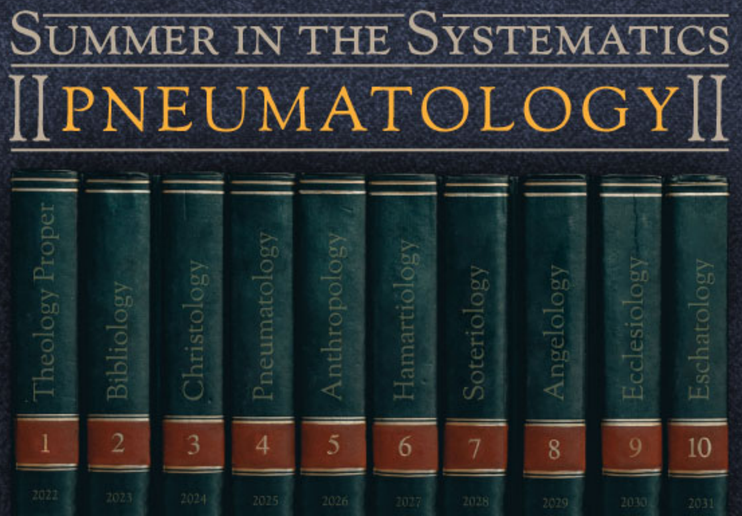


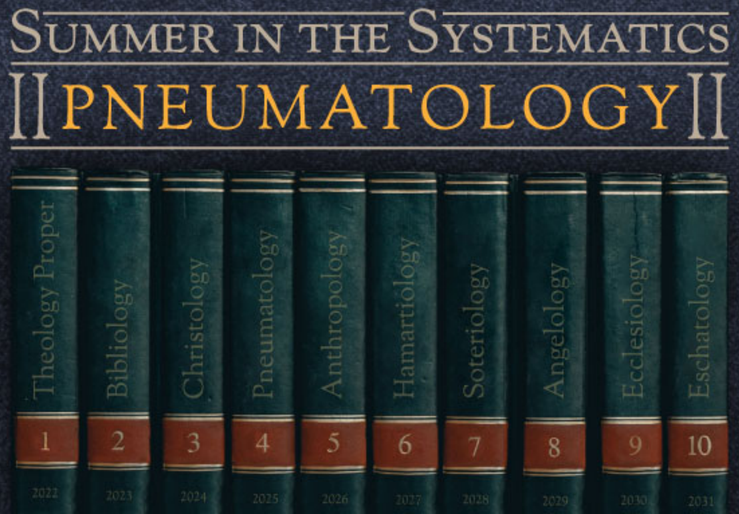
"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak from Himself, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come."

John 16:13



"This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth."

1 John 5:6



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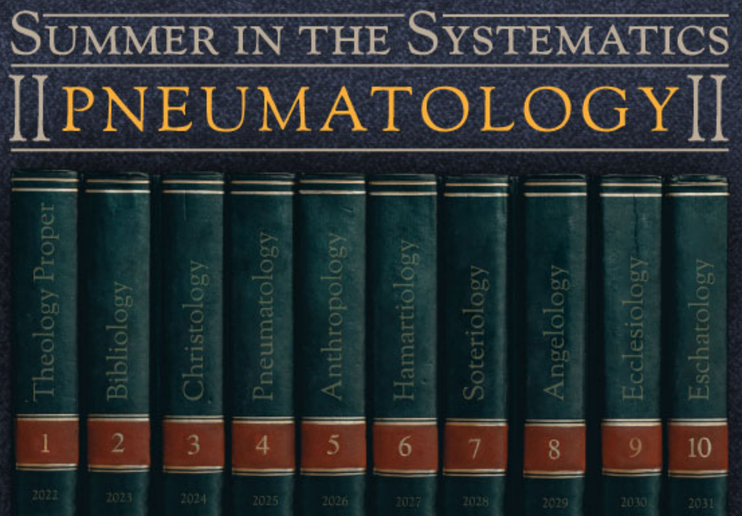

God's "favor toward those who deserve no favor but only punishment."

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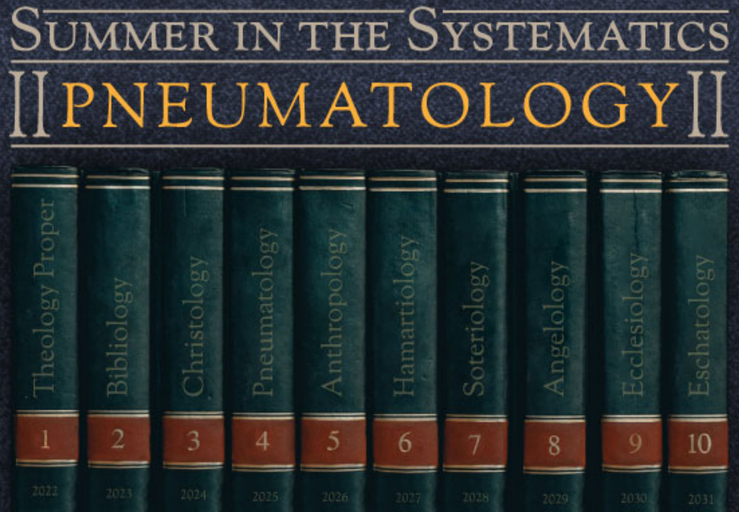
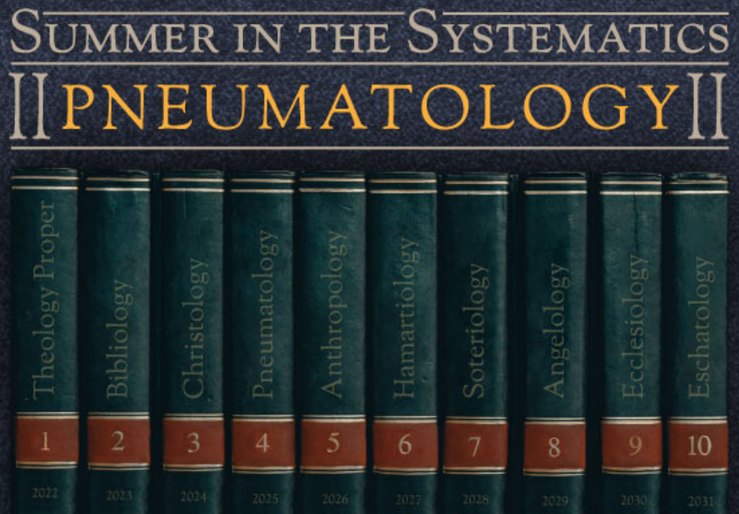


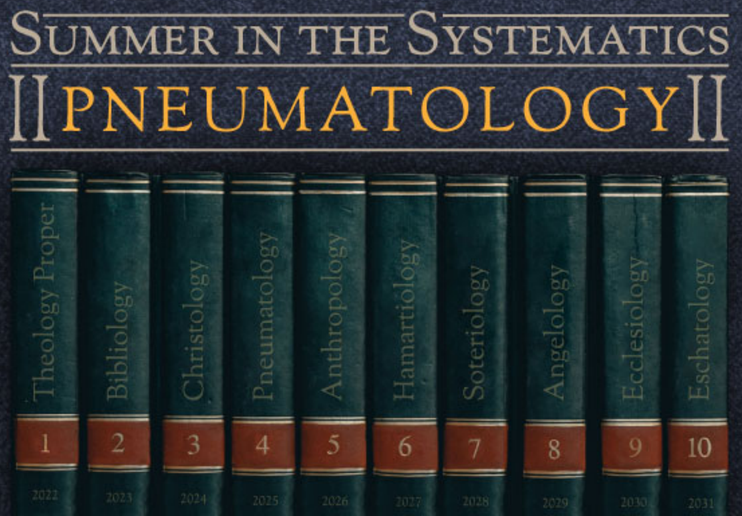
"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 1:14



"Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy by the mouth of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has regarded as defiled the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?"

Hebrews 10:28-29



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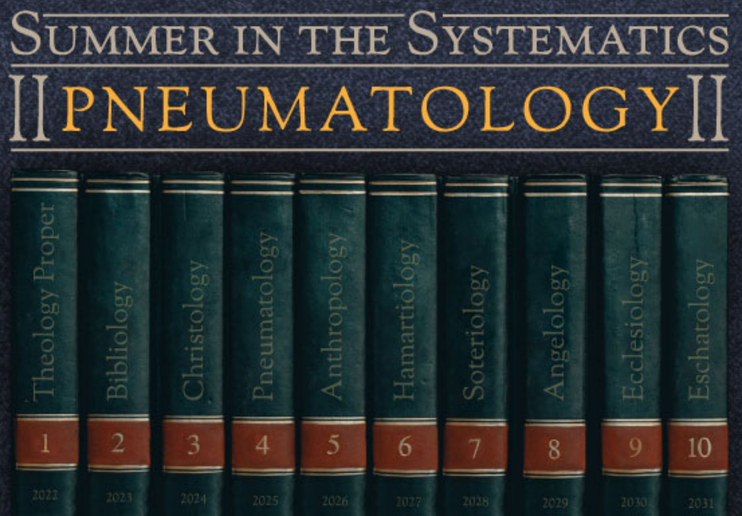
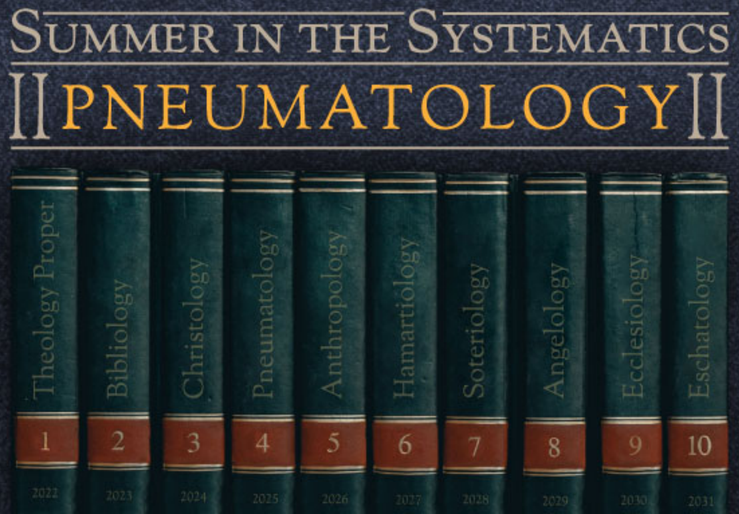


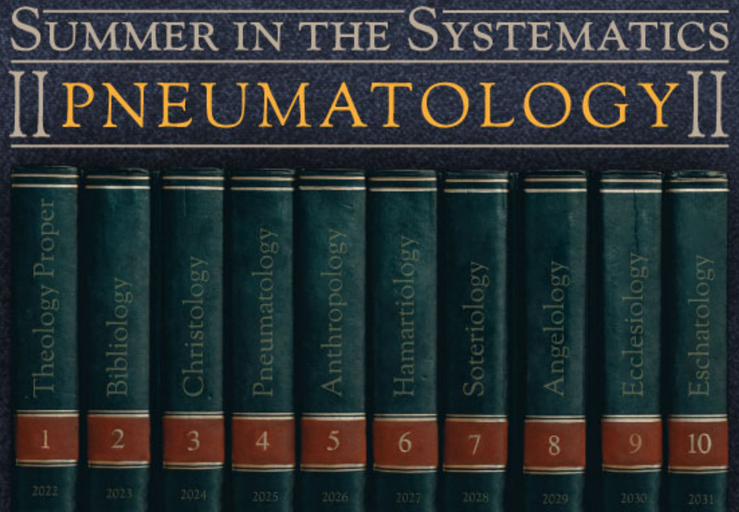
"The voice of Yahweh is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders . . ."

Psalm 29:3



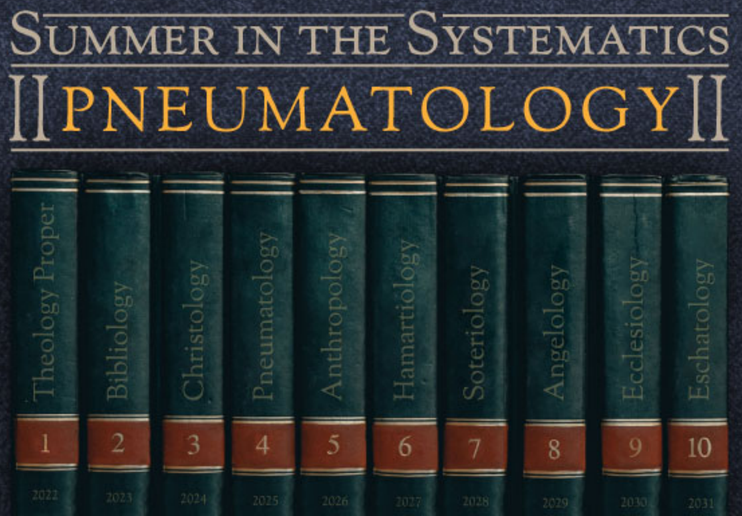
"But we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom which has been hidden, which God predestined before the ages to our glory, which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

1 Corinthians 2:7-8



"If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you."

1 Peter 4:14



“ . . . as the Father is a divine Person . . . so the Son is a divine Person . . . and so is the Holy Spirit a divine Person.”

Gregg Allison and
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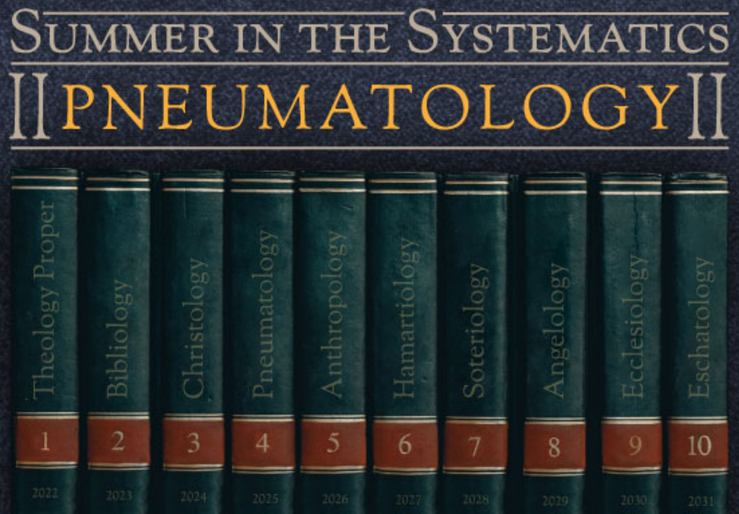

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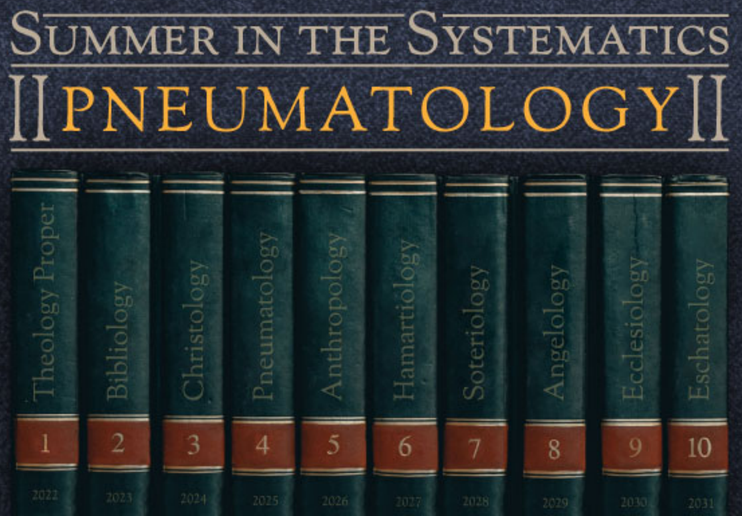

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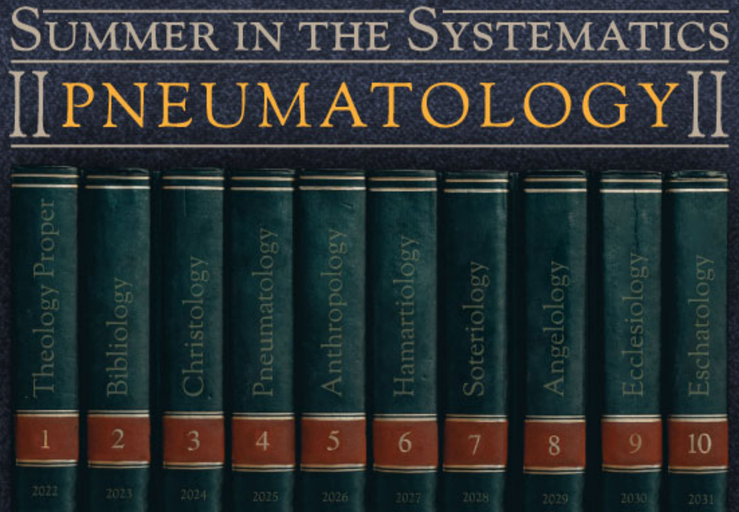
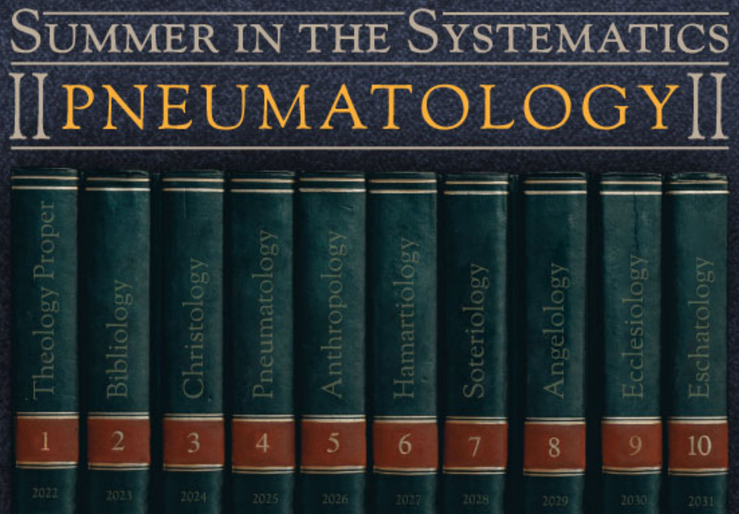


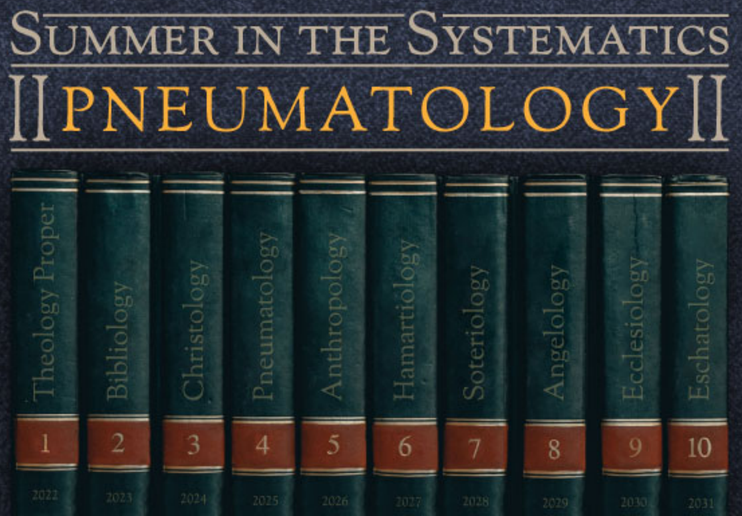
"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.'"

2 Corinthians 13:14



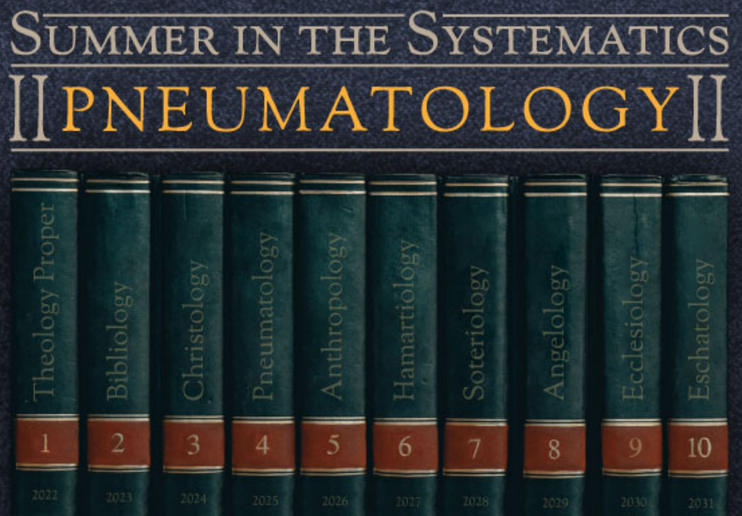
"Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave the pledge of the Spirit in our hearts."

2 Corinthians 1:21-22



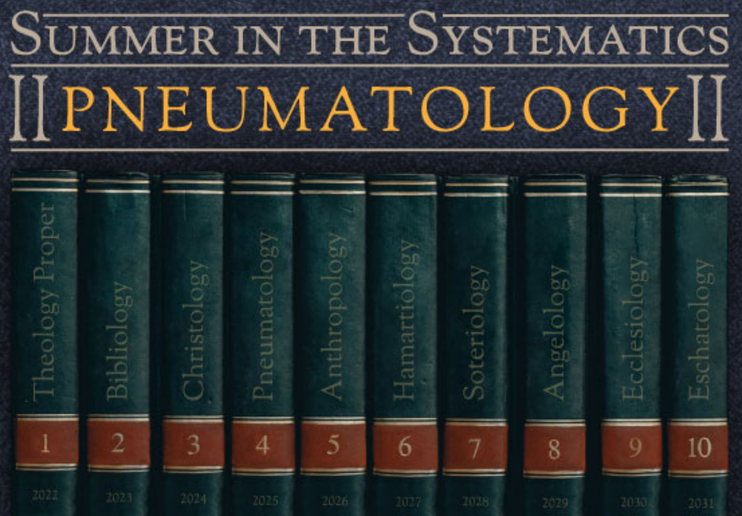
"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as exiles, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to the obedience of Jesus Christ and the sprinkling of His blood."

1 Peter 1:1-2



"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life."

Jude 20-21



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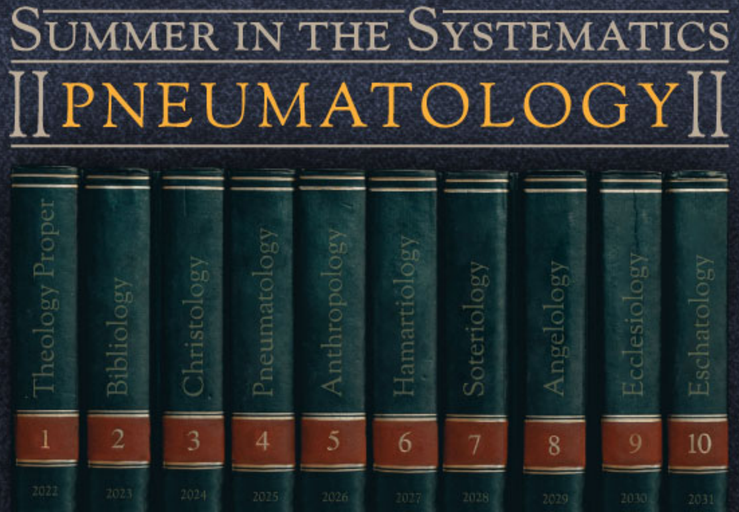

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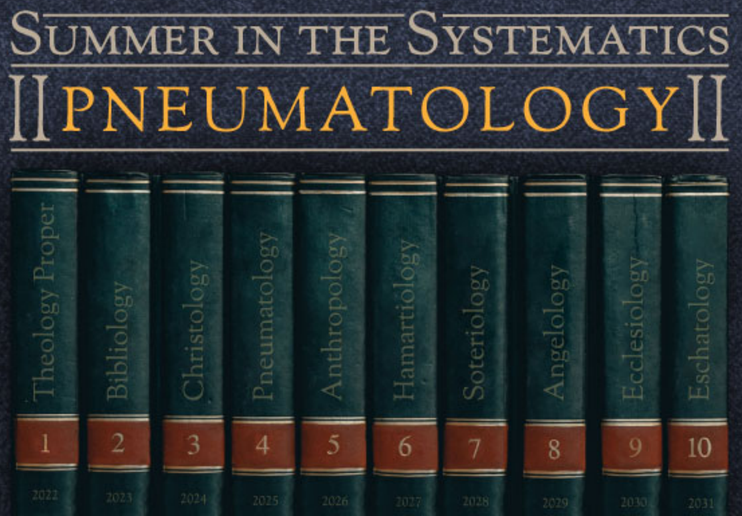

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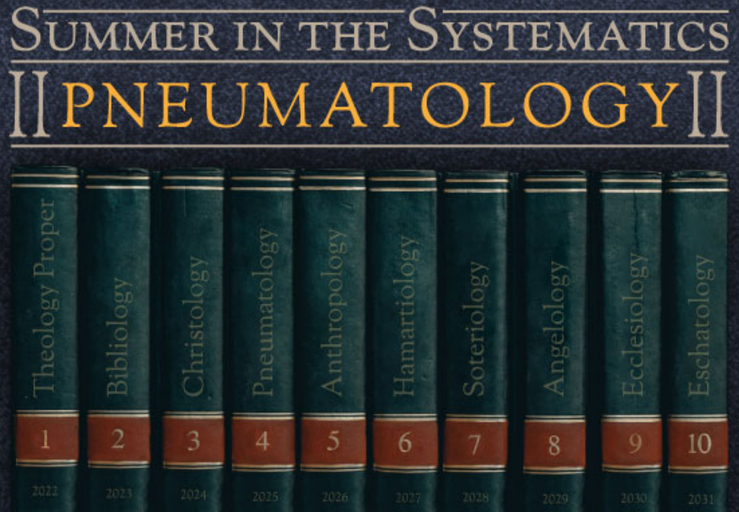

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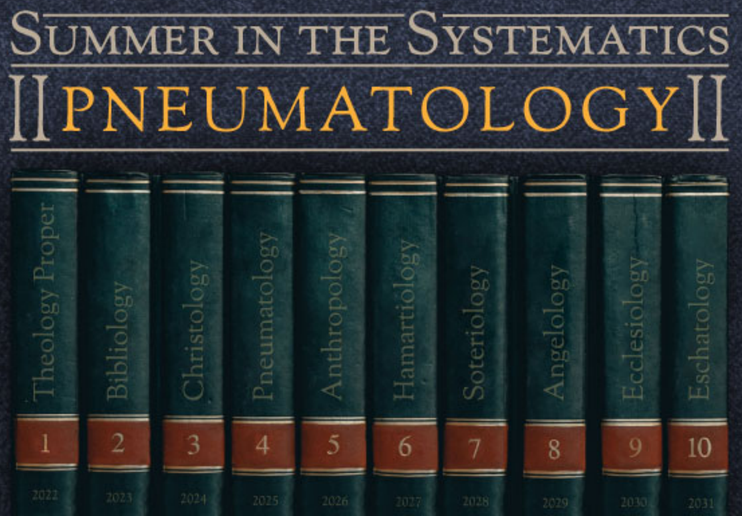

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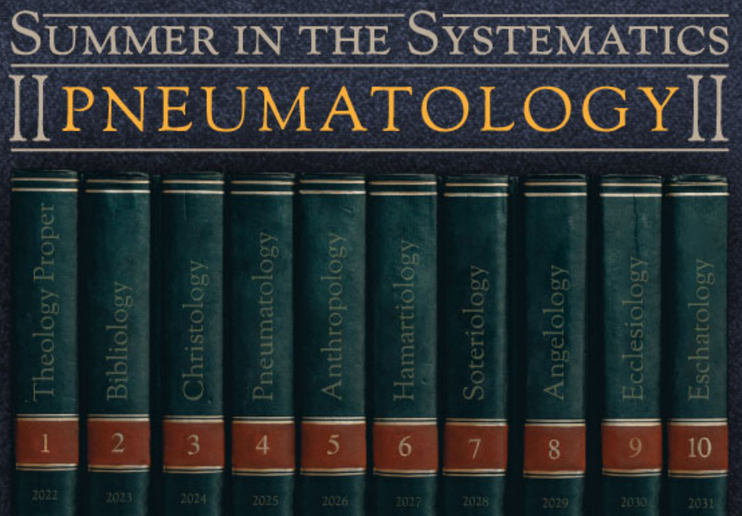

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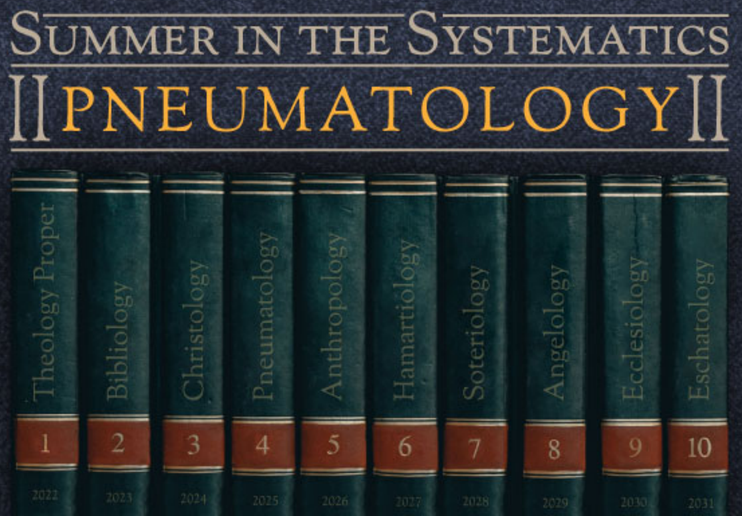

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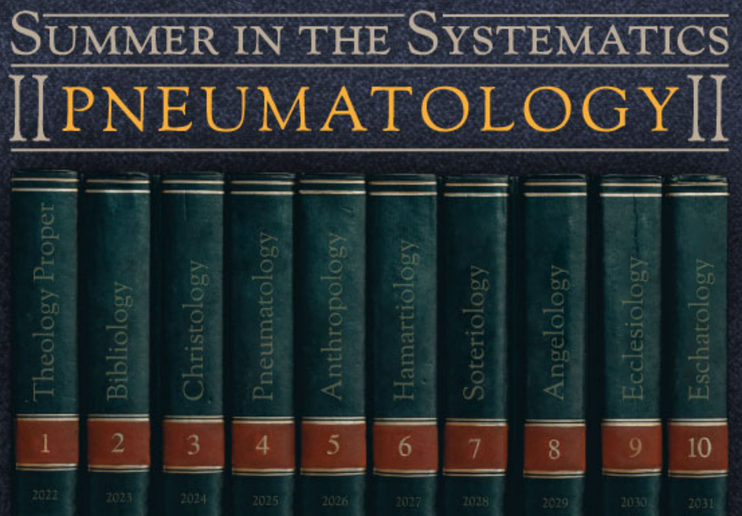

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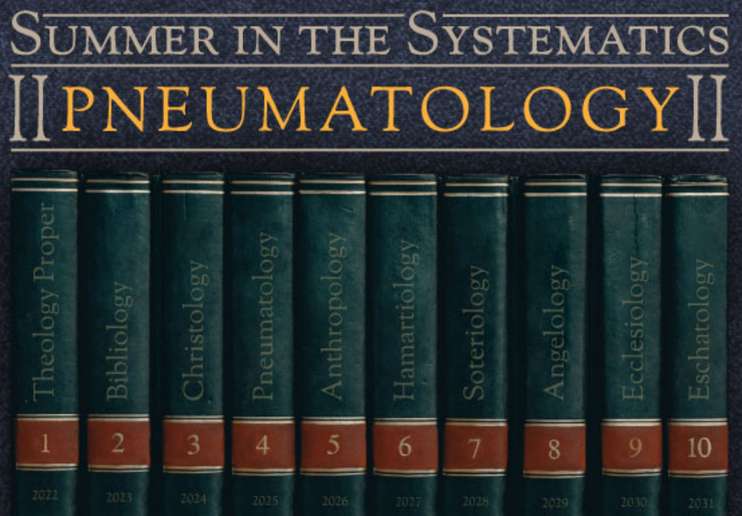

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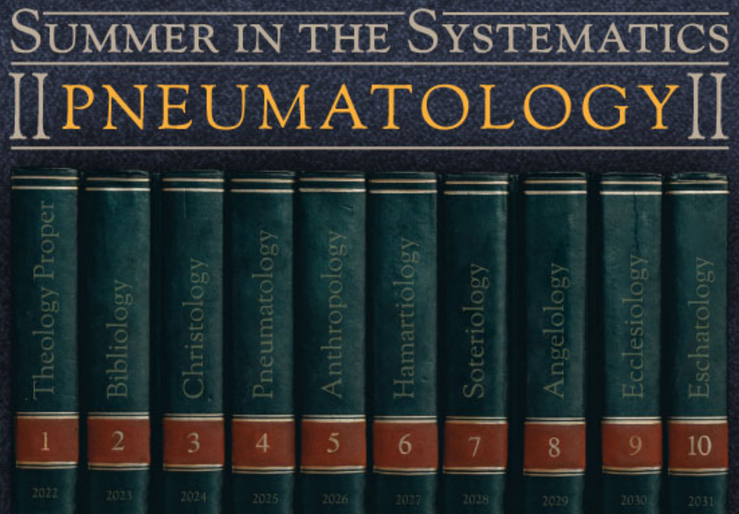

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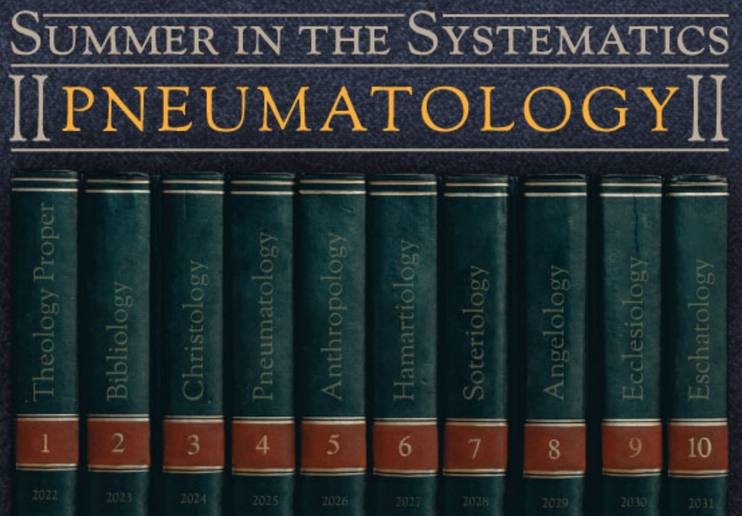

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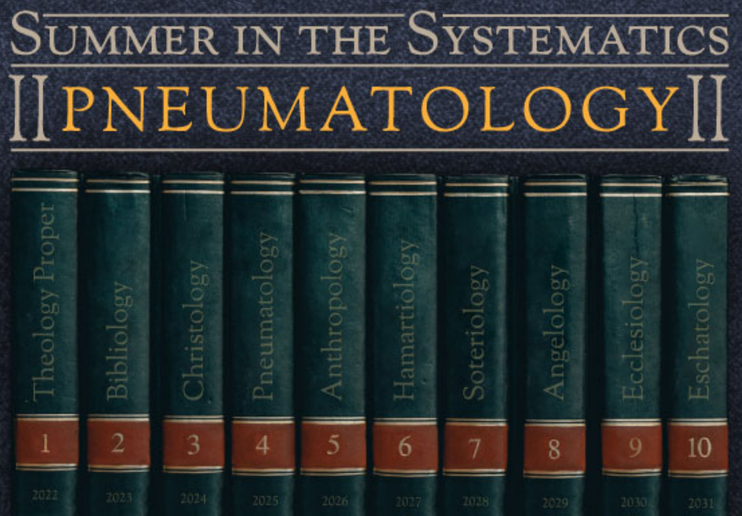

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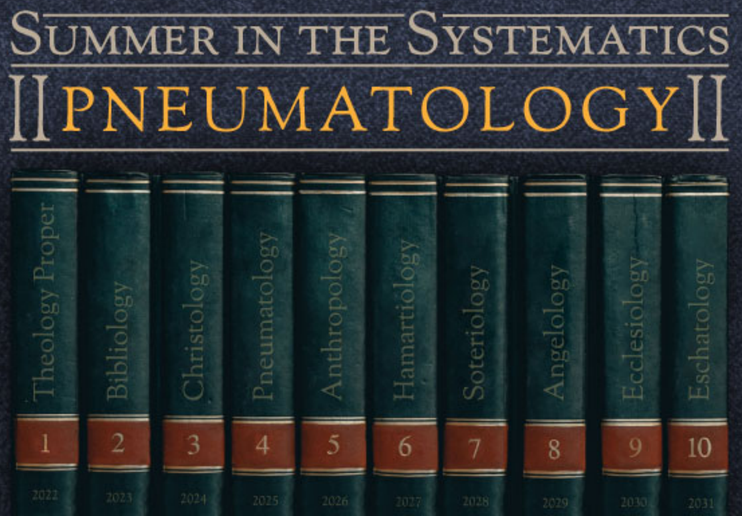

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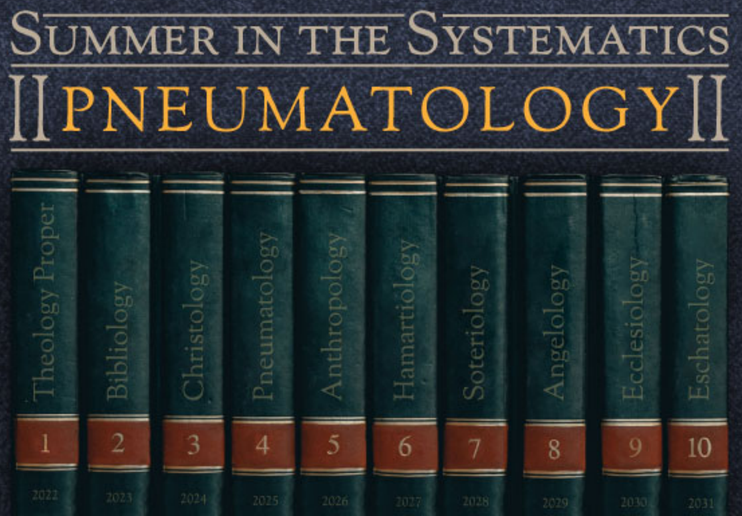
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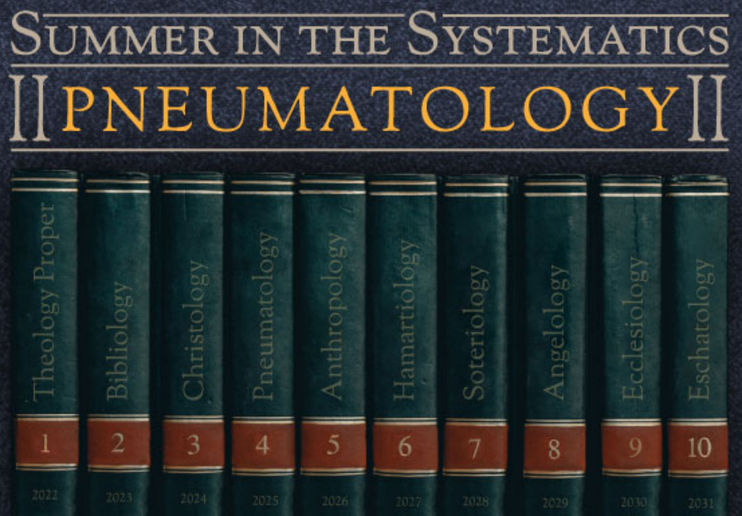
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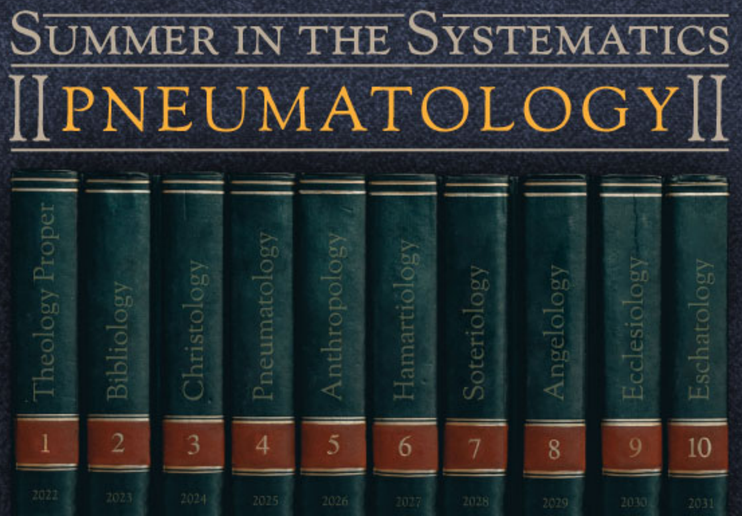

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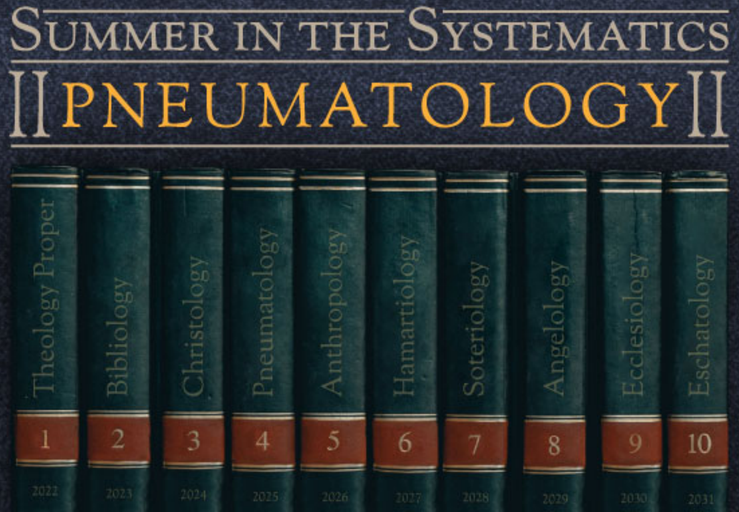

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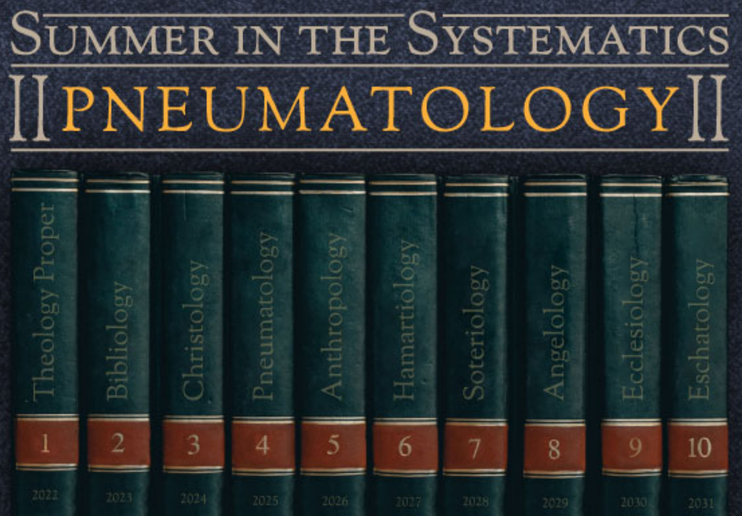

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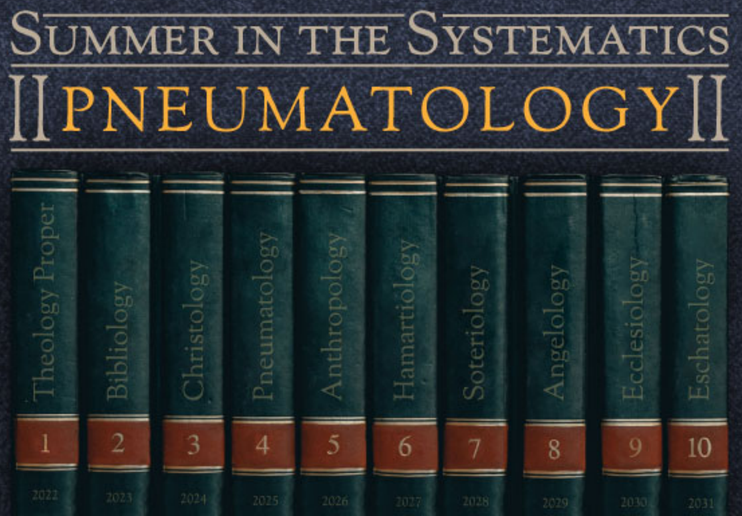

"The Holy Spirit is presented in Scripture as having the same essential deity as the Father and the Son and is to be worshiped and adored, loved and obeyed in the same way as God. To regard the Holy Spirit in any other way is to make one guilty of blasphemy and unbelief."

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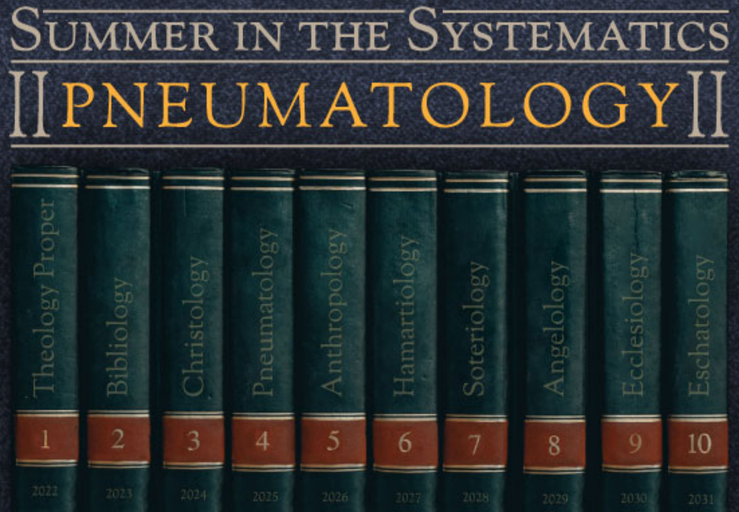

"The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit can be distinguished, but they cannot be separated; for they each possess the same identical numerical substance or essence. They do not merely exist alongside of each other, as did Washington, Jefferson, and Franklin . . ."

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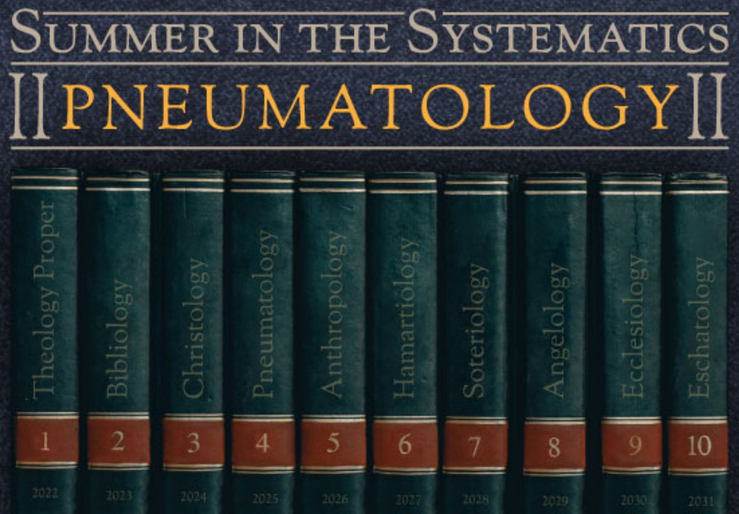

“ . . . but they permeate and interpenetrate each other, are in and through each other . . . What the one knows, the others know; what the one desires, the others desire; and what the one wills, the others will.”

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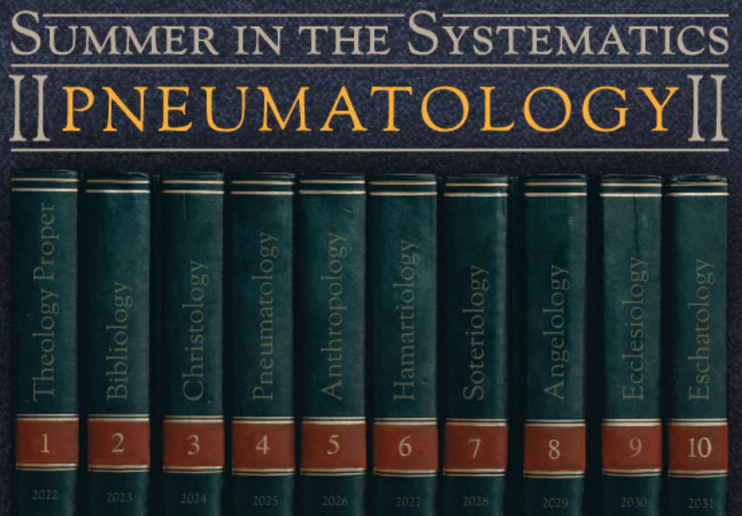

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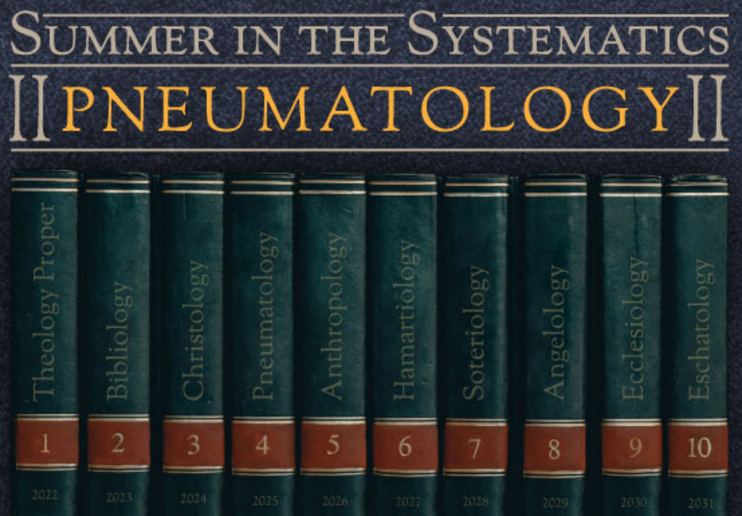
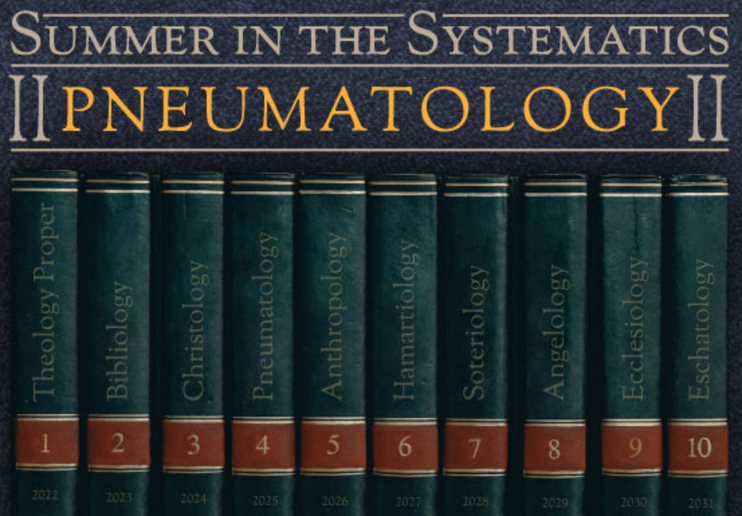


"And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters."

Genesis 1:2



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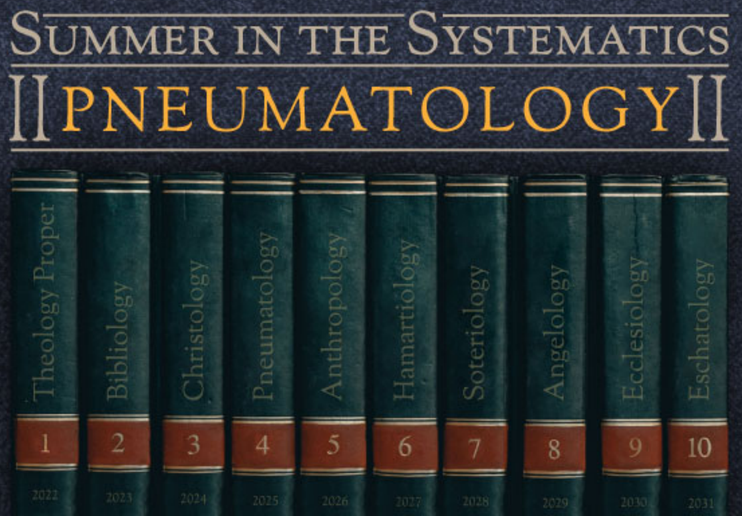

"The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life."

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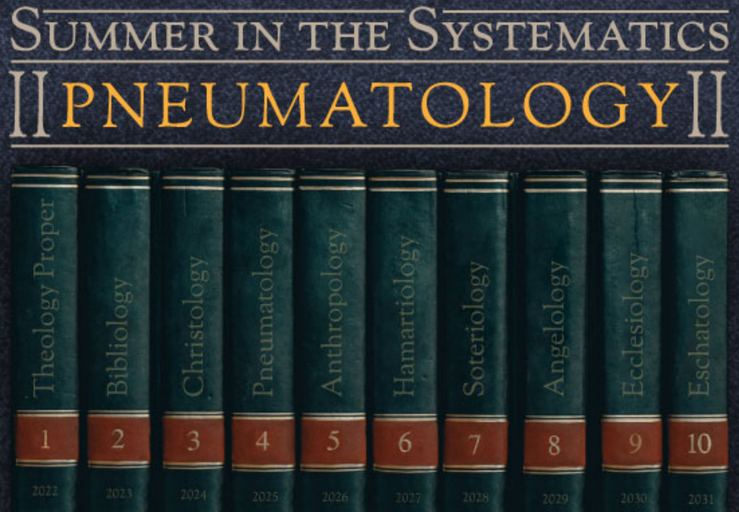
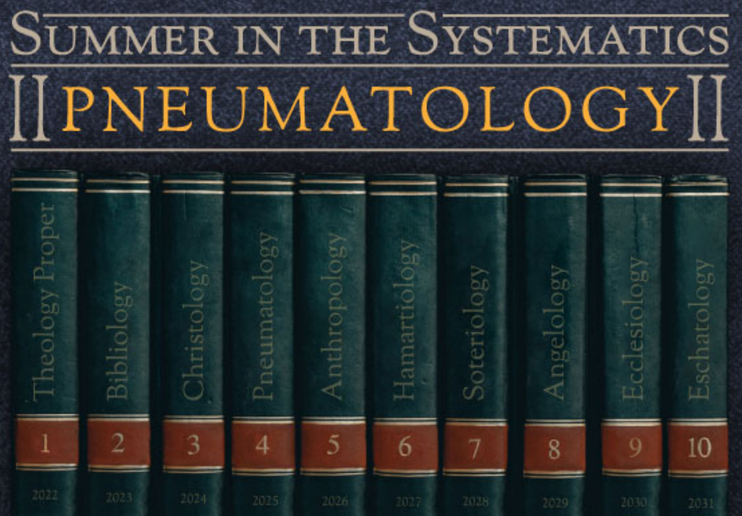


"They all wait for You to give them their food in due season. You give to them, they gather it up; You open Your hand, they are satisfied with good. You hide Your face, they are dismayed . . ."

Psalm 104:27-30



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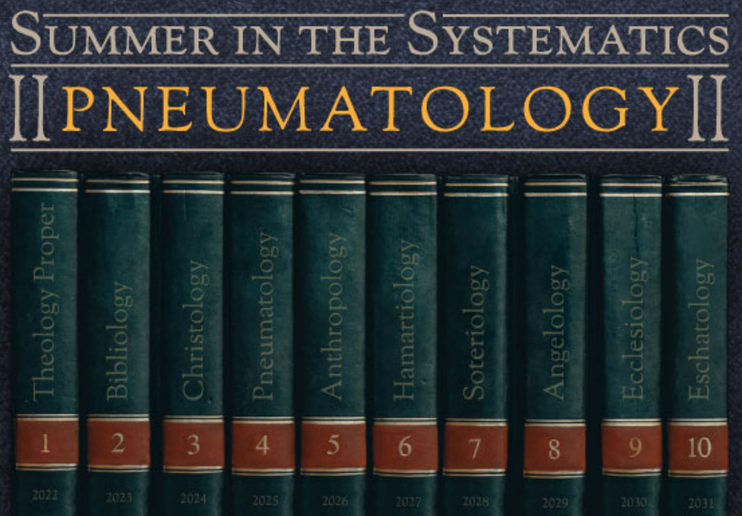

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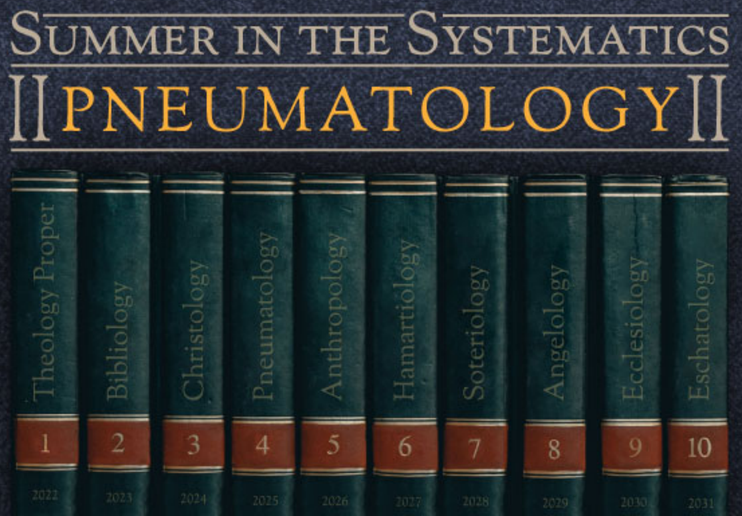

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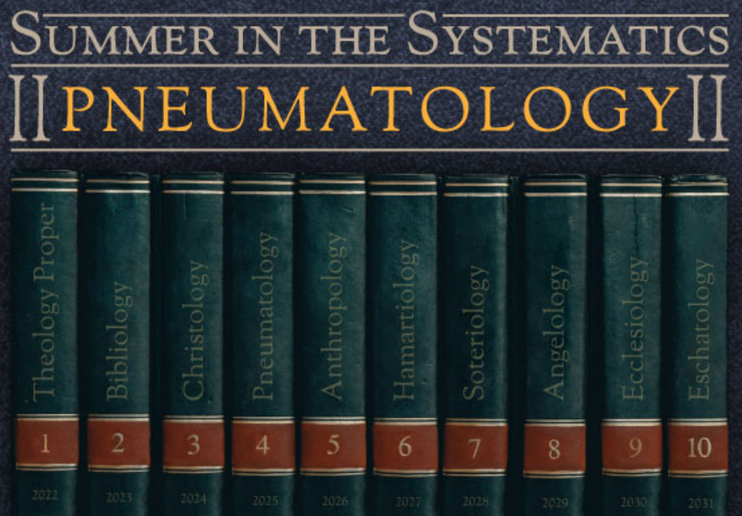

"The Holy Spirit superintended the lives of the biblical writers much as He guided Mary at Jesus' conception. Mary was able to pass on her human nature to Jesus, but she was not able to pass on her sinfulness . . ."

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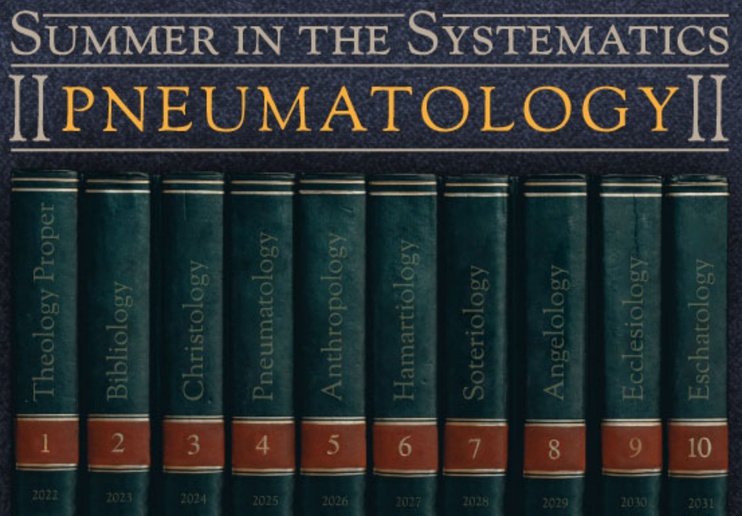

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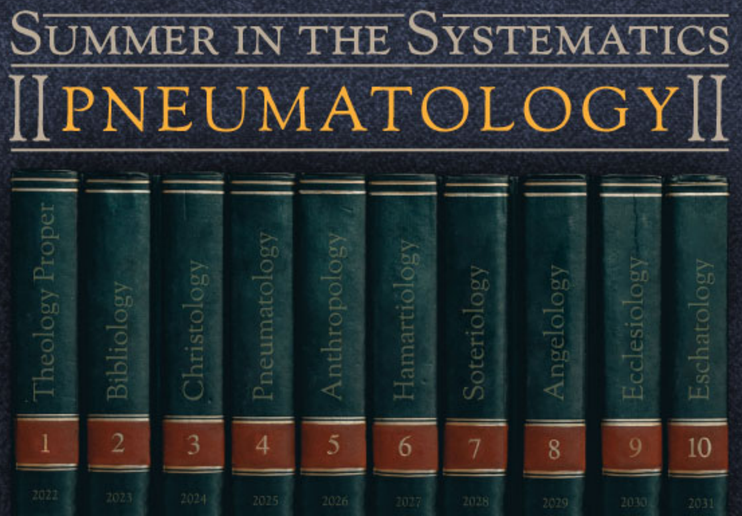

"The production of the Holy Scriptures by the Spirit of God using the instrumentality of human beings and human languages is a miracle befitting only the true and living God."

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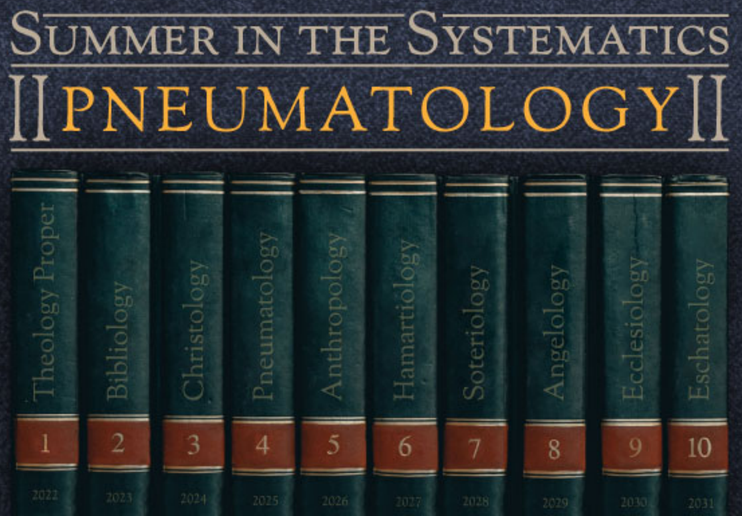
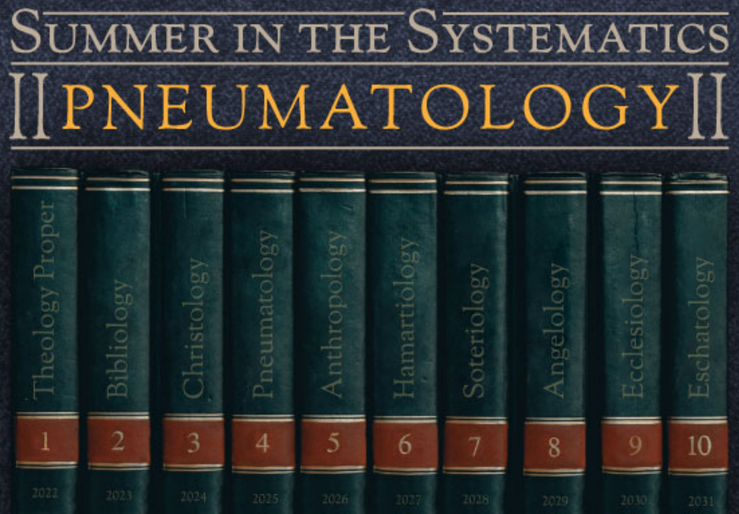


“Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says Lord Yahweh, “Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am Yahweh . . .’”

Ezekiel 37:12-14



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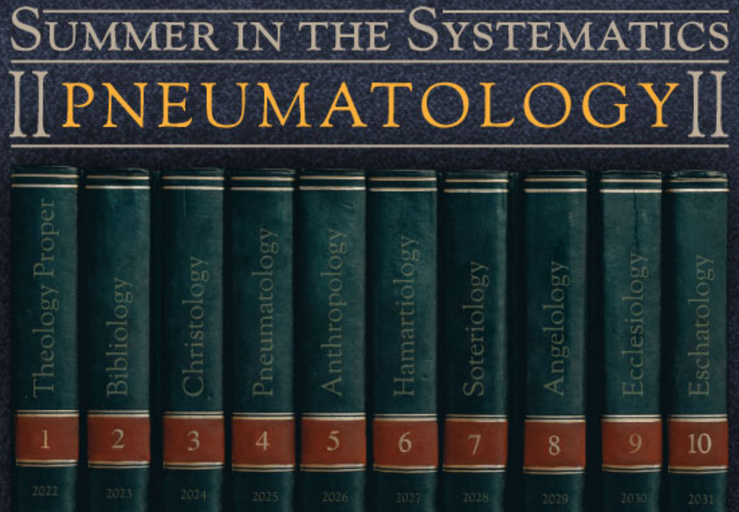

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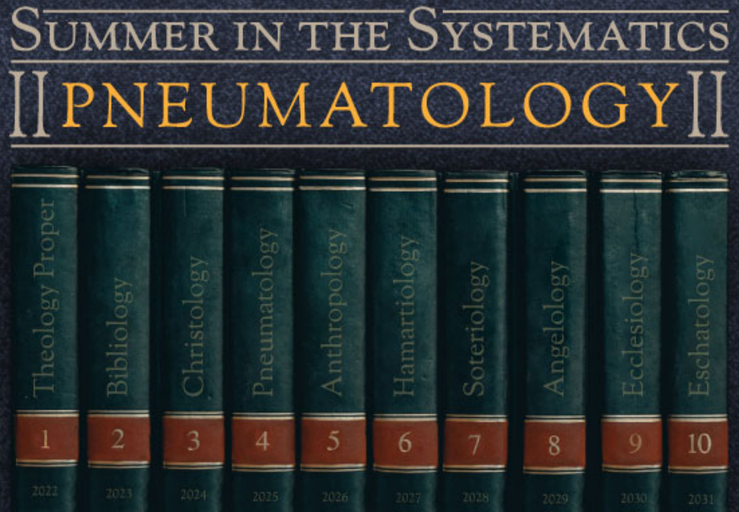

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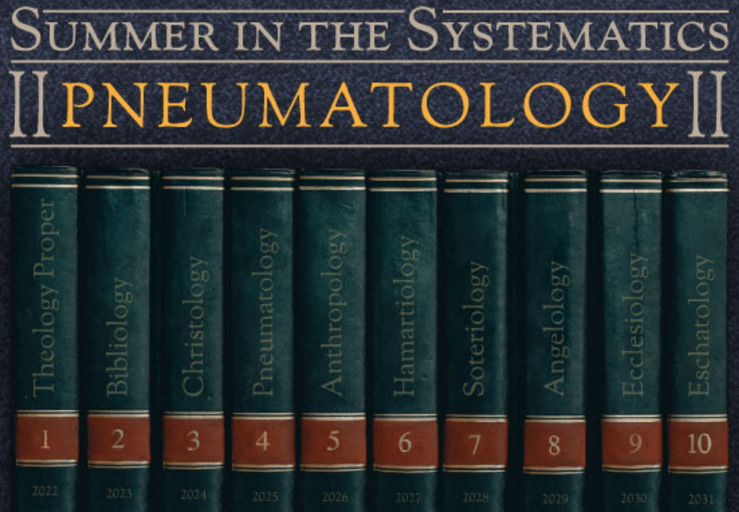

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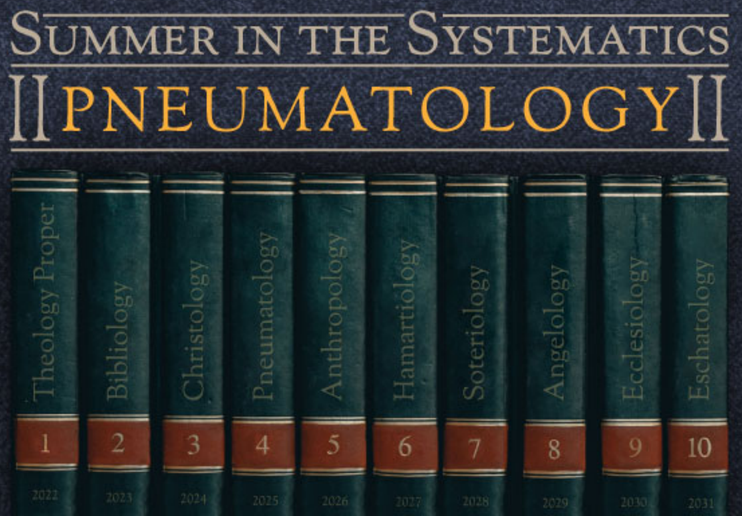

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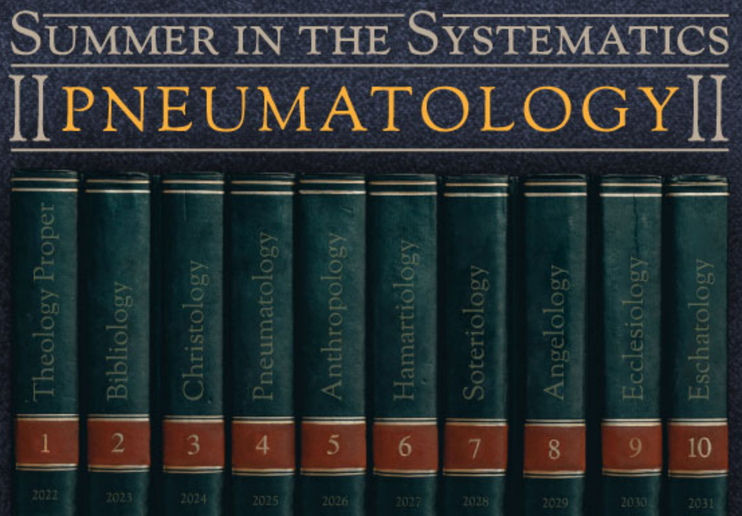
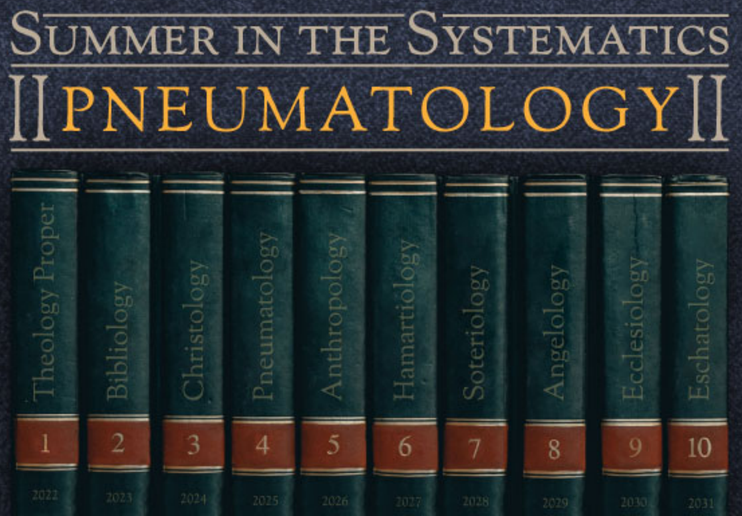


"But when the kindness and affection of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not by works which we did in righteousness, but according to His mercy, <u>through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit</u> . . ."

Titus 3:4-5



"There is a general omission in the saints of God, in their not giving the Holy Ghost that glory that is due to his person, and for his great work of salvation in us, insomuch that we have in our hearts almost lost this third person."

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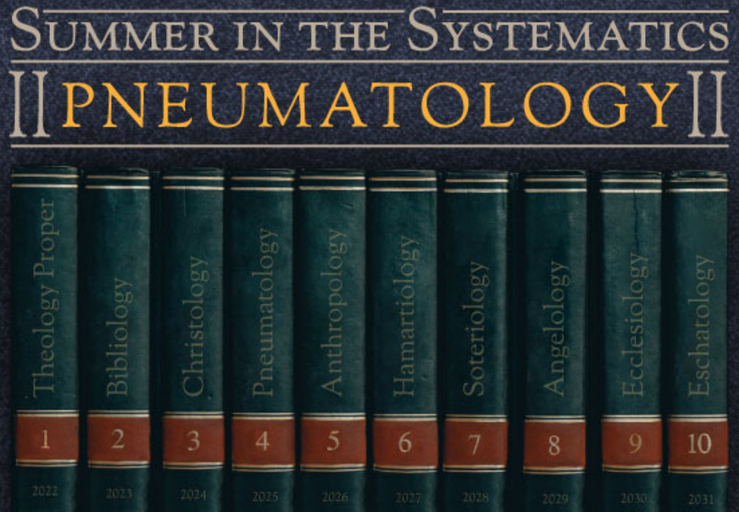
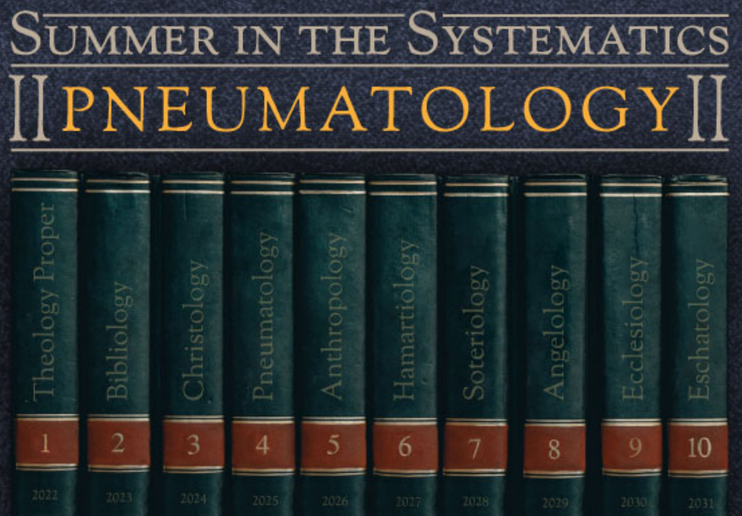


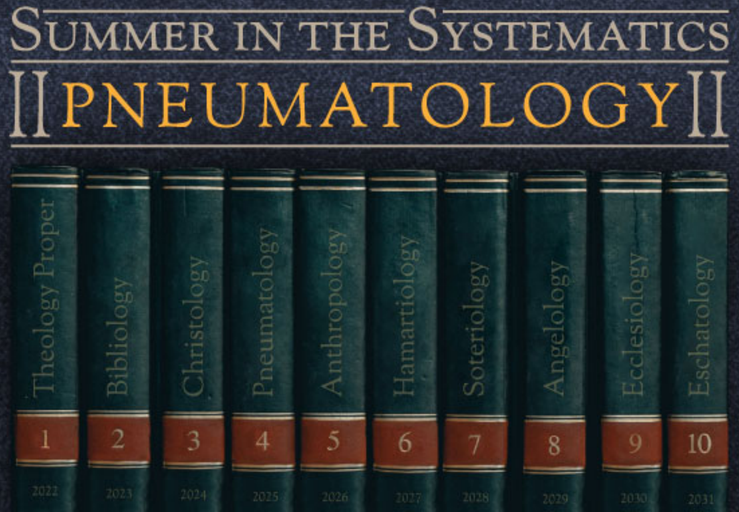
"But we should always give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you as the first fruits for salvation <u>through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth</u>."

2 Thessalonians 2:13



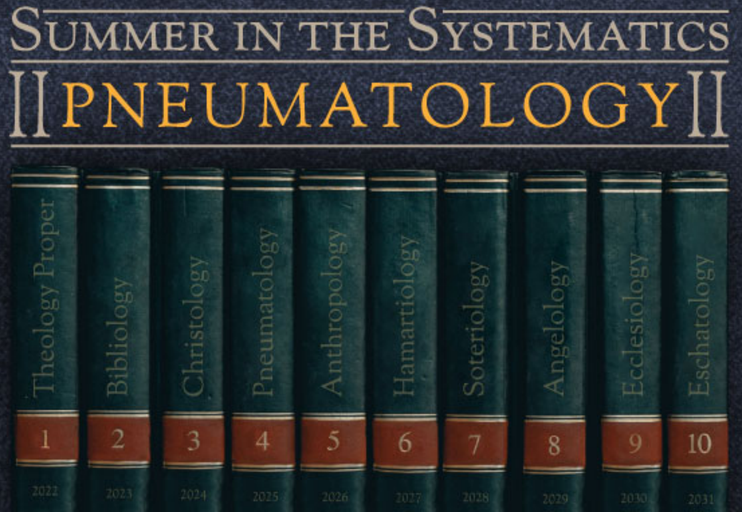
"Without the Spirit, Christian discipleship would be impossible. There can be no life without the life-giver, no understanding without the spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christlikeness apart from his fruit, and no witness without his power."

John Stott



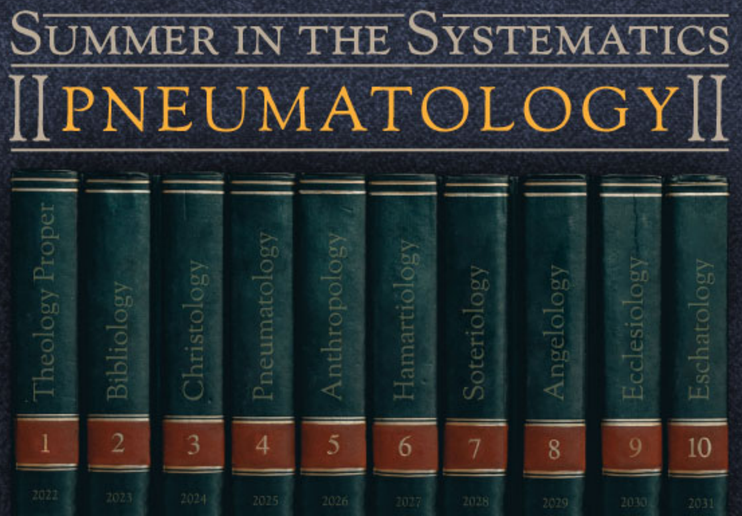
"He is therefore presented in the Scriptures as the proper object of worship, not only in the formula of baptism and in the apostolic benediction, which bring the doctrine of the Trinity into constant remembrance as the fundamental truth of our religion . . ."

Charles Hodge



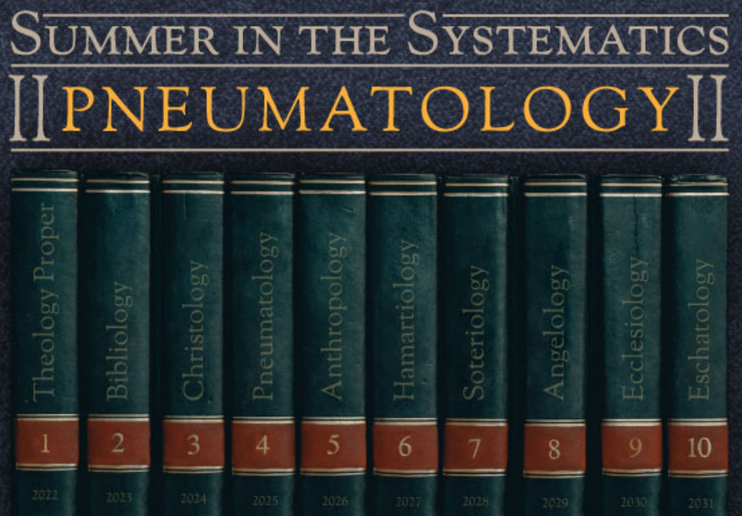
“ . . . but also in the constant requirement that we look to Him and depend on Him for all spiritual good and reverence and obey Him as our divine teacher and sanctifier.”

Charles Hodge



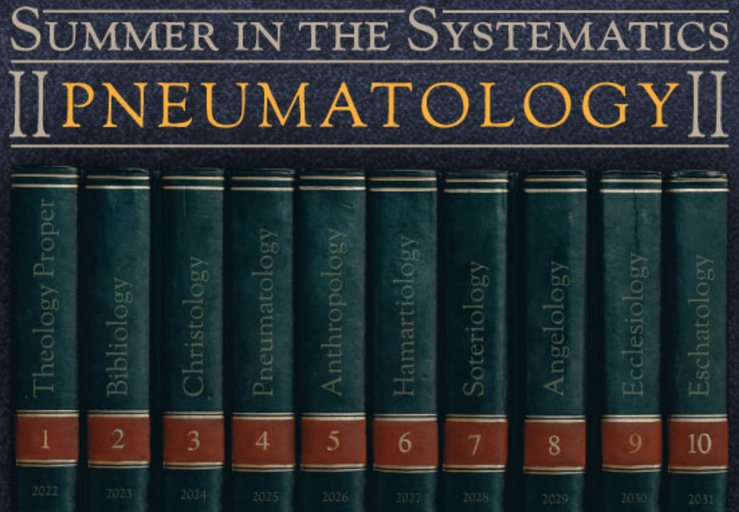
"Anyone who accepts Scriptural testimony at its face value comes easily and quickly to the conclusion that the Holy Spirit is God as revealed in His works."

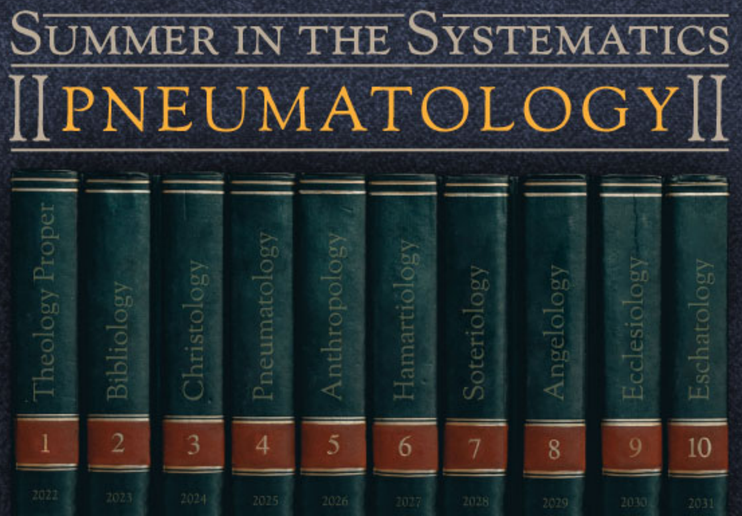
John Walvoord



"To sum it all up, by the ascription of all the distinctively Divine attributes, and several distinctly Divine works, by referring statements which in the Old Testament clearly name Jehovah, the Lord, or God as their subject to the Holy Spirit in the New Testament . . ."

R.A. Torrey



“ . . . by coupling the name of the Holy Spirit with that of God in a way that would be impossible to couple that of any finite being with that of Deity, by plainly calling the Holy Spirit God, in all these unmistakable ways, God in His own Word distinctly proclaims that the Holy Spirit is a Divine Person.”

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