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The next thousand years may be expected...to concentrate on the third article [of the Creed], namely to wrestle with the task of revealing God in society. The double concern of this epoch will be the revivification of all dead branches of the single human race, and the re-inspiration of all mechanized portions of the single human life. Since the successive stages of an individual's biography and the shifting demands of industrialized society both involve us in a repeated change of roles, the breath of life must be allowed to take hold of us again and again with original renewing power, lest whole drab stretches of life and of mankind remain uninspired. The history of the Church and the history of the world will have to be matched by a history of all mankind. And who is man? The being which can be inspired.

Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy, *The Christian Future or The Modern Mind Outrun*. New York (1946), page 116.

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- C. K. Barrett, *The Holy Spirit and the Gospel Tradition.*  
*H.S.G.T.*
- R. Bultmann, *Das Evangelium des Johannes.*  
*Komm.*
- C.I.S.* *Corpus Inscriptionum Semiticarum.*
- E.T. English Translation.
- H.D.B.* Hastings' *Dictionary of the Bible.*
- H.D.C.G.* Hastings' *Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels.*
- I.B.* *The Interpreter's Bible, 1952-7.*
- I.C.G.* *The International Critical Commentary.*
- I.N.T.* *Introduction to the New Testament.*
- J.J.S.* *Journal of Jewish Studies.*
- J.Q.R.* *Jewish Quarterly Review.*
- J.S.S.* *Journal of Semitic Studies.*
- J.T.S.* *Journal of Theological Studies.*
- LXX *Septuaginta, ed. A. Rahlfs, 1935.*
- N.F. Neue Folge.
- N.T.S.* *New Testament Studies.*
- R.B.* *Revue Biblique.*
- R.G.G.* *Die Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*<sup>3</sup>.
- R.Q.* *Revue de Qumran.*
- R.S.R.* *Recherches de science religieuse.*
- Strack-Billerbeck, *K.T.M.* H. L. Strack and P. Billerbeck,  
*Kommentar zum Neuen Testament aus Talmud und Midrasch.*
- T.W.N.T.* G. Kittel and G. Friedrich, *Theologisches Wörterbuch zum Neuen Testament*, Stuttgart, 1933-.
- Z.N.T.W.* *Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft und die Kunde der älteren Kirche.*
- SIGLA: Greek Text As in Nestle-Aland or the new Bible Societies' text, ed. Aland, Black, Metzger and Wikgren, 1966.

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Milik, *Discoveries in the Judaean Desert I:*  
*Qumran Cave I*, 1955.

Abbreviations for the books of the Old Testament, New Testament, Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha, rabbinic and early Christian literature, Philo and Josephus, follow the standard practice.