

Hershel Shanks

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I know that the Bible has been a central influence in [Elie Wiesel and Frank Moore Cross] lives - but in a very different way. In truth, you inhabit very different Biblical worlds.

~Hershel Shanks

I think that there is a certain schizophrenic aspect to my own relation to the Bible.

~Hershel Shanks

In my work, I attempt to deal with the Bible as I would deal with any work of literature.

~Hershel Shanks

To treat the history of Israel as I would treat the history of England or Russia or China; that is, an attempt at a scientific, historical approach. I am particularly fascinated with origins.

~Hershel Shanks

I think that there are these two very different sides to my relation to the Bible: one, my professional life; the other, a more private concern, interest and fascination with the Bible.

~Hershel Shanks

[My father was] Presbyterian [minister]. But I did not take the Bible seriously until I was forced to take Hebrew at McCormick Theological Seminary.

~Hershel Shanks

We [with Frank Moore Cross] have the same fervor, the same passion when in front of us is a page, a unique page - every page is unique - of the Pentateuch.

~Hershel Shanks

We differ [with Frank Moore Cross] simply because of our differing

backgrounds.

~Hershel Shanks

Both of you [Elie Wiesel and Frank Moore Cross] are giants, dare I say nephilim [giants; see Genesis 6:4; Numbers 13:33], in your world.

~Hershel Shanks

I don't think there is any other professional Bible scholar who is more respected and honored [like Frank Moore Cross].

~Hershel Shanks

It would be hard to find a more influential book of Biblical studies than his Canaanite Myth and Hebrew Epic [1973].

~Hershel Shanks

Elie Wiesel has for years served as the moral compass of the civilized world. For many of us, including me, he has defined the Holocaust.

~Hershel Shanks

As long as I'm giving a little hype, I can't resist saying that Elie [Wiesel] has also written a number of pieces for Bible Review, for which I serve as editor.

~Hershel Shanks

At McCormick Theological Seminary I had to take Hebrew, so I began to read prophetic poetry, and suddenly it became the life I wanted to spend.

~Hershel Shanks

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