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E. M. BLAIKLOCK (1903-1983):

TRIBUTE TO A 20TH CENTURY APOLOGIST

Contemporary Christianity lost one of its able defenders of the faith in the death of Emeritus Professor Edward Musgrave Blaiklock who passed away in his 80th year on October 25, 1983. Professor Blaiklock was known internationally as an eminent classical scholar for his works on Greek drama, Latin literature, the history of first-century Palestine and the historical geography of the Mediterranean. He was born in Birmingham, England, in 1903 but lived in New Zealand since he was six.

Professor Blaiklock held the chair of Classics at the University of Auckland for 21 years and for 42 years taught Latin, Greek and ancient Biblical history. Apart from his specialties he read widely in other languages including Italian, French, German and Hebrew. In 1970 Auckland and Oxford University Presses honoured him with a Festschrift for his academic influence and in 1974 the Queen awarded him the O.B.E. for services in scholarship and to the community. He was President of the New Zealand Baptist Union in 1970 and held high offices in other, interdenominational groups, including the presidency of the Bible College of New Zealand and the Scripture Union of New Zealand. He was appointed as the University's Orator, and as a lay preacher he was in constant demand to expound the unchanging message of Christ on radio and at many a gathering, both religious and nonsectarian. Students around the world benefited greatly from his profound insights and brilliant scholarship. Unlike many academics he moved freely with the layman and the common people heard him gladly.

A great admirer of C. S. Lewis, Dr. Blaiklock vigorously argued for "mere Christianity." He did not hesitate to meet atheists in public debates nor did he spare his pen when historic Christianity was attacked by liberal theologians. In his widely praised efforts to defend Christianity he wrote, *Why I Am Still a Christian*, *Layman's Answer*, *Who Was Jesus?*, *Is It or Is It Not?*, etc. His careful scholarship is evident in many of the

works which he edited or to which he contributed: *Atlas of Bible Lands*, *Dictionary of Biblical Archaeology*, and Zondervan's five volume *Encyclopedia of the Bible*. Evangelicals have benefited abundantly from his prodigious scholarship. His literary contribution totaled more than 78 volumes.

John Wesley's profound statement "my people die well" applied to E. M. Blaiklock. He once wrote: "I have had a happy life, friendship and fellowship untold, a perfect marriage, fulfillment of heart and mind, and I owe it all to my faith." In an age of materialism and intellectual confusion, Dr. Blaiklock faithfully served His Lord and passionately defended the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

— Steve Kumar, Ph.D.
Executive Director
New Zealand Apologetics Society



Dr. Montgomery with Professor Blaiklock in Auckland, New Zealand, October 1980.

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