LC Subject Cataloging Changes 2008

The Library of Congress (LC) is changing some subject cataloging practices. This will affect how you search the catalog.

Titles classified in BR to BX are no longer specifically from a Christian viewpoint. BS in particular now includes both a Christian and Jewish perspective since the Bible is sacred to both groups.

Example 1: Formerly the subject heading *God* referred to the Christian God. Now it is used for other religions as well.
God (Judaism)
God (Islam)
God (Greek religion)
God (Christianity).
Use these subject headings also for specific topics, such as
God (Christianity) Love.

Titles on similar topics about God are now scattered under both subject headings. For instance, titles discussing the names of God, include:

Titles DTS owned in 2008	Subject Heading
10	God Name
43	God Name Biblical teaching
1	God Name Biblical teaching Sermons
2	God Name Comparative studies
34	God Christianity Name
1	God Christianity Name Sermons
1	God Christianity Name Study and teaching.

These are all relevant titles on the same subject, but they are indexed under different headings and separated in the Subject Browse. The user should not just click on one of them and expect to retrieve all items on this topic but should browse the subjects under both *God Name* and *God Christianity Name*.

Example 2: LC has also decided to use the subheading
Biblical teaching
for topical headings without qualification of religion because the Bible is not considered an exclusively Christian book. This means headings, such as
God (Christianity) Biblical teaching
or *God (Judaism) Biblical teaching*
are not valid. Instead, we will use
God Biblical teaching.
For example: *God--Name--Biblical teaching*.

More changes in Bible uniform titles are on the way, but the implementation date is not set yet. The recommended changes are:

Old Testament and *New Testament* will be spelled and no longer referred to by the abbreviations *O.T.* and *N.T.*

Subject headings for individual books of the Bible will use the name of the book immediately following *Bible* rather than interposing the name of the appropriate Testament. E.g.,
Bible. ~~O.T.~~ Ezra
Bible. ~~N.T.~~ Revelation.
Subject headings used to identify parts of the Bible as aggregate works will have the forms:
Bible. New Testament
Bible. Old Testament
Bible. ~~O.T.~~ Apocrypha.