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Dear Catherine Ahmad

Re: Tribute to honor The Rev. Dr. James
Charlesworth

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Professor James Charlesworth stands out as an extraordinary scholar who has made a seminal contribution to the fields of Biblical studies, and the studies of Judaeo-Christian Apocryphal and Pseudepigraphic heritage; his explorations have also significantly deepened our knowledge of Qumran writings. The academic community owes him an enormous debt of gratitude for his lifetime of achievement in these and other areas of Old and New Testament studies, Second Temple Judaism, and early Christianity.

It is difficult to imagine what scholarship in these areas would look like without his monumental two-volume work on Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha, this being the first major compilation of sources to follow the classic work of R. H. Charles in 1913. The enormous impact which Charlesworth's publications has had on Biblical scholarship is impossible to calculate, since his works have become standard editions. His Old Testament Pseudepigrapha is a cornerstone and indispensable for my own work, which I consult almost on a daily basis.

Apart from his prolific scholarship, James Charlesworth is a man of great generosity of spirit with a sparkling sense of humour, as well as being an academic of integrity.

In short, his contribution to scholarship is one of profound magnitude, and I am happy to be both his colleague and friend.

with best wishes,

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