What Good Is an Old Book?

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Abstract

At what point does the hitherto unrecorded anonymous 18th-century novel fetching upwards of £1,000 seem not only a silly but an institutionally irresponsible acquisition?—Michael T. Ryan

In December of 1984, the University of Pennsylvania Libraries bought an anonymous two-volume novel published in London by Thomas Lowndes in 1776. Item 99 in Catalogue 107 issued by the London firm of Marlborough Rare Books Ltd., The Husband's Resentment; or, The History of Lady Manchester cost £550, or approximately $687.50 at the then-current exchange rate. Marlborough fully described the physical copy offered for sale—("lge 12mo, half-titles, titles, 224 + 236 pp., . . .

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How Old is God? The Bible says the following about God’s age. He has no beginning and no ending, He is eternal, timeless and immortal (Revelation 4:8; 1 Timothy 1:17, 6:16). Therefore, God has no age. The Bible states that God is, “The Alpha and the Omega,” “Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty” (Revelation 1:8). Browse article contents. Bible verses about God’s age. God: In the beginning. God: The Eternal One. Because of Renaissance paintings depicting God as an old man with a long beard dressed in a robe, we tend to think of Him as old. We may even tend to think of God as a kindly, elderly grandpa who isn’t too involved anymore in all the activities of life. We may think it’s good to have Him around, but He is kind of on the sidelines of our lives.