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### **History**

Benno Zuiddam has his roots in the Low Countries of the 16th century. Over the years different spellings of the surname Van Suytdam / Van Zuidam emerged, resulting in e.g. in Zuidam, Zuiddam, Suydam. His wider family was involved in the establishment of New Holland and the city of Nieuw Amsterdam (New York) in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Others settled in South-Africa (mainly Natal) and Australia. His wife's ancestors were among the earliest Dutch settlers when they joined the Cape Colony of Jan van Riebeeck in the 17th century.

### **Research focus:**

Divine Revelation through Sacred Scripture, particularly in early Christian & Biblical literature and the Greco-Roman World, but also in modern and post modern theological liberalism.

### **Articles in peer-reviewed journals:**

Published with the following ten different theological and classical journals: *Verbum et Ecclesia*, *Ploutarchos*, n.s. (Scholarly Journal of the International Plutarch Society), *Acta Patristica et Byzantina*, *Reformed Theological Studies (HTS)*, *Scriptura*, *In die Skriflig*, *Ekklesiastikos Pharos*, *Acta Theologica*, *Neotestamentica*, *Dutch Reformed Theological Journal (NGTT)*.

*-Early orthodoxy: the Scriptures in Clement of Alexandria.* *Acta Patristica et Byzantina*, Vol 21.2 (2010): 257-268

*-Living oracles for us, the implications of λόγια ζῶντα in Acts 7:38;* *Verbum et Ecclesia*, Vol 31, No 1 (2010).

*-Scripture has been entrusted to us, the implications of τὰ λόγια τοῦ θεοῦ in Romans 3:2.* (Die Skrif is aan ons toevertrou, die implikasies van τὰ λόγια τοῦ θεοῦ in Romans 3:2) In: *Reformed Theological Journal / Hervormde Teologiese Tydskrif*, HTS 2010, Volume 66(1).

- The basic Principles of the revealed Word, the implications of Heb 5:12 for Church and Theology* (Die eerste Beginsels van die Woord, die implikasie van Heb 5:12 vir Kerk en Teologie). In: Scriptura (2010).
- Other Letters of a martyr? The Vossian recension of Ignatius reconsidered*. In: Ekklesiastikos Pharos 92 (2010) N.S. 21.
- Reason's dead end in David Faure: Why the Cape's earliest liberal minister embraced Spiritualism*. In: In die Skriflig (Scholarly Journal GKSA) 43(2) 2009.
- Plutarch and God-eclipse in Christian Theology*. In: Ploutarchos, n.s., Scholarly Journal of the International Plutarch Society, (6) 2008/2009: 83-100.
- Λόγιον in Biblical Literature and its implications for Christian Scholarship*. In: Acta Patristica et Byzantina (19) 2008: 379-394.
- Holy letters and syllables: The function and character of Biblical authority in the second century*. In: Dutch Reformed Theological Journal (NGTT, South Africa) Part XXXVIII (3), September 1997, 180-191.
- Old critics and modern theology* (Christianity evaluated by pagan philosophers of the first three centuries), In: Dutch Reformed Theological Journal (NGTT), Part XXVI (2), June 1995, 256-266.

### **Book reviews in accredited journals:**

- The original gospel of Thomas in translation, April D. DeConick : book review, *Neotestamentica*, Volume 44(1):178-180.
- The Faith moves South, A review of S. Paas, The Faith moves South, a History of the Church in Africa, Kachere Books no.27, University of Malawi, Assemblies of God Press, Limbe; ISBN 99908-76-65-7, *Acta Theologica*, volume 25, number 1, June 2007, p.169-170.
- Digging out the Ancestral Church, a review of S. Paas, Digging out the Ancestral Church, researching and communicating Church History, Kachere Study no.3, University of Malawi, A.G.L.C. Press, Limbe 2006 (3<sup>rd</sup> edition); ISBN 99908-76-66-5, *Acta Theologica*, volume 25, number 1, June 2007, p.171-173.
- The portable Bunyan, A review of Isabel Hofmeyr's book on the role of Pilgrim's Progress on the black mission fields, *Acta Theologica*, volume 26, number 2, December 2006, p.263-265.
- An Introduction to Christianity, A review of Linda Woodhead, An Introduction to Christianity, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2004, *Acta Theologica*, volume 25, number 1, June 2005, p.198-201.
- Trouble in the Colonies, Review of: Baker, D.W.A.; Preacher, Politician, Patriot: a Life of John Dunmore Lang; Melbourne University Press 1998; ISBN 0 522 84822 2, *Acta Theologica*, volume 25, number 1, June 2005, p.188-192. (Accredited academic journal in South Africa)
- Signs of the Times... A review of Mark Hutchinson, Iron in our Blood, a History of the Presbyterian Church in NSW, 1788-2001; Ferguson Publications and the Center for the Study of Australian Christianity, Sydney 2001, *Acta Theologica*, volume 25, number 1, June 2005, p. 193-197.

### **Books & monographs:**

- Hope and Disillusionment. A basic introduction to the history of Christianity*. Importantia/Amazon 2010, 254p.
- Oracles of God: a comparative study of Apostolic Christianity and its Greco-Roman world*. PhD Greek thesis, Potchefstroom 2008, 346p.
- Johannes Calvin, Commentaar op de Bijbel, 1 Johannes en Judas*. (John Calvin commentary on 1 John and Jude). Importantia Publishing, Dordrecht (The Netherlands) 2006, 156p.
- Holy Letters and Syllables. The function and authority of the Christian Scriptures in the second century, as represented by Ignatius, Irenaeus and Clemens of Alexandria* (Heilige Letters en Lettergrepen. De functie en het karakter van Schriftgezag in de tweede eeuw, zoals dit naar voren komt in de werken van Ignatius van Antiochië, Irenaeus van Lyon en Clemens van Alexandrië), Importantia, Dordrecht (The Netherlands) 2007, 432p.

## Selection of popular theological publishing:

- *Origen's view of Hebrews* (Volgens Origenes schreef Paulus de Hebrëenbrief. Reformatorisch Dagblad / Reformed Daily, 15-10-2010). Online: [http://www.refdag.nl/opinie/opinie/volgens\\_origenes\\_schreef\\_paulus\\_de\\_hebreeenbrief\\_1\\_509096](http://www.refdag.nl/opinie/opinie/volgens_origenes_schreef_paulus_de_hebreeenbrief_1_509096).
- *Preaching and the Rise of Consumption Culture* (Prediking mag niet buigen voor consumptiecultuur, Reformatorisch Dagblad / Reformed Daily, 8-9-2010). Online: [http://www.refdag.nl/opinie/opinie/prediking\\_mag\\_niet\\_buigen\\_voor\\_consumptiecultuur\\_1\\_500972](http://www.refdag.nl/opinie/opinie/prediking_mag_niet_buigen_voor_consumptiecultuur_1_500972).
- *The Catholic view of creation from the early Church until 20<sup>th</sup> century* (Creationisme is Katholiek, Katholiek Nieuwsblad/ Catholic Weekly, 20-3-2009). Online: [http://www.katholieknieuwsblad.nl/archief/Evolutie/2009/3/20/Creationisme\\_is\\_katholiek](http://www.katholieknieuwsblad.nl/archief/Evolutie/2009/3/20/Creationisme_is_katholiek).
- *The worldview of the early and medieval Church* (Kerk geloofde niet in platte aarde, Reformed Daily, 14-4-2009 / Catholic Weekly, 12-6-2009). Online: <http://www.refdag.nl/artikel/1404297/Kerk+geloofde+niet+in+platte+aarde.html>;
- *St Augustine's doctrine of creation* (Pas met de verlichting werd het donker, interview in Reformed Daily, 14-4-2009), Online: <http://www.refdag.nl/artikel/1404296/Pas+met+de+verlichting+werd+het+donker.html>.
- Debate in national newspapers with Leiden University's Chair of New Testament Studies and Old Christian Literature on the origin of the Christian Sunday (Netherlands: Dutch daily and Reformed Daily, 15-2-2006). Online: <http://www.nd.nl/artikelen/2006/februari/15/uiteindelijk-is-de-zondag-een-geloofsdag>  
<http://www.refdag.nl/artikel/1249320/Zondag+is+geloofsdag.html>.

## Promotor

Presently study leader with Greenwich School of Theology (UK) for the following PhD-projects in New Testament Studies, Church History & Polity and Doctrinal Studies.

- Theology in James and Hebrews: positive and negative portraits of Messianic Judaism and Pauline Christianity.
- A biblical, historical and practical study of the form of church government known traditionally as Independency.
- A new Bible for a New Millennium - with special reference to personal perspectives on Biblical authority as a driving force behind personal religious paradigm (presupposition) shift.

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