A number of readers of *Neotestamentica* have expressed their concern about there being too little critical debate about the work of *South African* New Testament scholars. With the support of our Editorial Board, an experiment is presented in this issue — a small step towards rectifying that situation. In the format of a ‘forum’ three scholars discuss a recent publication of Jan Botha (University of Stellenbosch), to which he then replies. *Neotestamentica* can hopefully provide, on a frequent basis, such a forum where a contribution of a South African New Testament scholar can be analysed and/or discussed, or where a topic particularly relevant to our complex society can be explored in relation to New Testament scholarship. Suggestions, comments or observations are invited and may be addressed to the Editor, *Neotestamentica*, at the address below.

Another important development is that, with the help of Bobby Loubser (University of Zululand), *Neotestamentica* is now also visible on the Web. Visit us at: www.uzulu.ac.za/the/bibs/ntssa.html.

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