

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS DEWEY? (OR, HOW DO I FIND BOOKS IN THIS LIBRARY?)

The Dewey Decimal System breaks down all knowledge into one of ten categories:

- 000 Generalities
- 100 Philosophy & Psychology
- (200 Religion)**
- 300 Social Science
- 400 Language
- 500 Natural Science & Mathematics
- 600 Technology & Applied Sciences
- 700 Arts
- 800 Literature
- 900 Geography & History

Each of these classes has ten divisions, which are broken down further as the subject becomes more specific. For example, in the 200 class (Religion), the hundred is divided into tens:

- 200 Religion
- 210 Natural Theology
- (220 Bible)**
- 230 Christian Theology
- 240 Christian moral & devotional theology
- 250 Christian orders & local church
- 260 Christian social theology
- 270 Christian church history
- 280 Christian denominations & sects
- 290 Other & Comparative Religions

In the 220 section (Bible):

- 220 Bible
- 221 Old Testament
- 222 Historical Books of the OT
- 223 Poetic books of the OT
- 224 Prophetic books of the OT
- 225 New Testament
- (226 Gospels & Acts)**
- 227 Epistles
- 228 Revelation (Apocalypse)
- 229 Apocrypha & pseudepigrapha

In the 226 section (Gospels & Acts):

- 226.2 Matthew
- 226.3 Mark
- 226.4 Luke
- Etc.

Books that have the same call number (i.e., 226.3) are then placed in alphabetical order, usually by the author's last name: a book about the Gospel of Mark by Beth Young would have the call number 226.3 YOU.

Example

Title	Author	Call #
<u>Mere Christianity /</u>	Lewis, C. S.	248.4

If you wanted to find this book in the library, you would write down or remember the call number (248.4) and the first three letters of the author's last name (LEW).

You would then look in the 200s section for 248.4.

Once there, the books in 248.4 are arranged alphabetically by the author's last name.