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Rhetorical criticism seeks to understand and comment on the way texts function in their social and cultural contexts. Paul A. Holloway puts Paul's letter in the context of ancient theories and literary practices of "consolation" and argues that Paul wrote to the Philippians in order to console them. He shows that the letter has a unified overall strategy and provides a convincing account of Paul's argument.

The book falls into two parts. Part I explores the integrity of Philippians, the rhetorical situation of the letter, and ancient consolation as the possible genre of Philippians, while part II examines Philippians 1:3–11; 1:12–2:30; 3:1–4:1, and 4:2–23. The exegetical studies in part II focus on the consolatory *topoi* and arguments of Philippians.

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ABBREVIATIONS

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<i>ABD</i>	<i>The Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> , 6 vols., ed. David Noel Freedman (New York: Doubleday, 1992).
<i>AFLA</i>	<i>Annales de la Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines d'Aix</i> .
<i>ALCP</i>	<i>Annali del Liceo classico G. Garibaldi di Palermo</i> .
<i>ANRW</i>	<i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt</i> , ed. H. Temporini and W. Haase (Berlin and New York: De Gruyter, 1972–).
<i>APAW</i>	Abhandlungen. Preussische Akademie der Wissenschaften.
<i>APOT</i>	<i>Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament in English</i> , 2 vols., ed. R. H. Charles (Oxford: Clarendon, 1913).
<i>BAGD</i>	W. Bauer, <i>A Greek–English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature</i> , translated, adapted, revised, and augmented by W. F. Arndt, F. W. Gingrich, and F. W. Danker (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1979).
<i>BDF</i>	F. Blass and A. Debrunner, <i>A Greek Grammar of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature</i> ,

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- translated and revised by R. W. Funk (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1961).
- BT *Bibliotheca Teubneriana.*
- C&M* *Classica et Mediaevalia.*
- CBull* *Classical Bulletin.*
- CCSL *Corpus Christianorum series latina* (Turnhout, 1953–).
- CP* *Classical Philology.*
- CQ* *Classical Quarterly.*
- CSEL *Corpus scriptorum ecclesiasticorum latinorum* (Vienna, 1866–).
- DK H. Diels and W. Kranz, eds., *Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker*, 3 vols., 6th edn. (Berlin: Weidmann, 1974–75).
- G&R* *Greece and Rome.*
- LCL *Loeb Classical Library.*
- LSJ H. G. Liddell, R. Scott, and H. S. Jones, *A Greek–English Lexicon*, 9th ed. (Oxford: Clarendon, 1940).
- MH* *Museum Helveticum.*
- MM J. H. Moulton, and G. Milligan. *The Vocabulary of the Greek New Testament Illustrated from the Papyri and Other Non-Literary Sources* (London: Hodder, 1930).
- NPNF *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers.*
- NTApoc* *New Testament Apocrypha*, 2 vols., ed. E. Hennecke and W. Schneemelcher, trans. R. McL. Wilson (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1992).
- OCD* *Oxford Classical Dictionary*, 2nd edn., ed. N. G. L. Hammond and H. H. Scullard (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1974).
- OCT *Bibliotheca Oxoniensis* (Oxford Classical Texts).
- OSAP* *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy.*
- PG* *Patrologia Graeca*, ed. J.-P. Migne (Paris, 1857–66).
- PGL* *A Patristic Greek Lexicon*, ed. G. W. H. Lampe (Oxford: Clarendon, 1961).
- PhoenSup *Phoenix Supplement.*
- PL* *Patrologia Latina*, ed. J.-P. Migne (Paris, 1844–64).
- PMG* *Poetae Melici Graeci*, ed. D. L. Page (Oxford: Clarendon, 1962).
- QJS* *Quarterly Journal of Speech.*
- RAC* *Reallexikon für Antike und Christentum*, ed.

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- RE* (PW) *Paulys Realencyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft*, ed. G. Wissowa, W. Kroll, et al. 24 vols., 19 vols., and supplement (15 vols.) (Stuttgart: Metzler; Munich: Druckenmüller, 1893–1980).
- RGG* *Die Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, 3rd edn., ed. K von Gallig. 6 vols. (Tübingen: Mohr [Siebeck] 1957–62).
- RThPh* *Revue de Théologie et de Philosophie*.
- SVF* *Stoicorum Vetera Fragmenta*, ed. Hans F. A. von Arnim (Leipzig: Teubner, 1905–24).
- TDNT* *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, ed. G. Kittel, trans. G. Bromiley. 10 vols. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1964–76).
- TrGF* *Tragicorum Graecorum Fragmenta*, ed. B. Snell and S. Radt (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1971–77).
- TWNT* *Theologisches Wörterbuch zum Neuen Testament*, ed. G. Kittel (Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 1935–79).
- YCS* *Yale Classical Studies*.