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Alan Millard studied Ancient Semitic Languages in the universities of Oxford and London, was employed in the Department of Western Asiatic Antiquities at the British Museum, served as Librarian at Tyndale Library for Biblical Research in Cambridge for seven years and taught at the University of Liverpool from 1970, where was awarded a personal chair as Rankin Professor of Hebrew and Ancient Semitic Languages in 1992. He became Emeritus Professor in 2003. He has worked on archaeological excavations in Syria (Tell Rifa'at = ancient Arpad, and Tell Nebi Mend = ancient Qadesh on the Orontes), Jordan (Petra) and Iraq (Nimrud) and visited the Holy Land several times. In 1984 he held a Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Studies at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, working with the late Yigael Yadin.

Professor Millard's interests centre on the ancient languages and history of the Near East and the study of the Bible as a product of that ancient world. He has published editions of Babylonian and Assyrian cuneiform tablets, among them *Atrahasis. The Babylonian Story of the Flood* (with W. G. Lambert), *La Statue royale de Tell Fekherye et son inscription bilingue assyro-araméenne* (with A. Abou Assaf and P. Bordreuil) and *Eponyms of the Assyrian Empire*, as well as numerous articles in specialist journals. Endeavouring to assess the Bible in its context, he investigates the uses of writing in ancient Israel and neighbouring lands, looking at questions of literacy and book production, and examines biblical narratives in the light of knowledge about society, culture and thought of those times. He has written about these topics in Bible Dictionaries and Handbooks and his books *Treasures from Bible Times* (1985) and *Discoveries from the Time of Jesus* (1990), which were issued in a single volume in 1997 as *Discoveries from Bible Times* (Lion Publishing, Oxford; U.S. edition published as *Nelson's Illustrated Wonders and Discoveries of the Bible*, T. Nelson, Nashville, ISBN 0785211993), present some of the results of archaeological and historical research relating to the Bible for the wider public. In his book, *Reading and Writing in the Time of Jesus* (Sheffield Academic Press, 2000), he argues, against common opinion in New Testament scholarship, that some of those who heard Jesus preaching could have written what they heard.

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Alan Millard lives with his wife Margaret at Leamington Spa in the heart of England where they worship at Myton Church. They lived for nearly forty years on the Wirral in north-west England, worshipping at Hoylake Chapel where he served as an Elder for over thirty years. They have three children and six grandchildren. Among the things they enjoy together is travelling abroad for sightseeing and to teach in churches and colleges.