



Textual Signposts in the Argument of Romans A Relevance-Theory Approach

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A fresh look at the development of Paul's argument in Romans

The Greek word *gar* occurs 144 times in Romans and 1,041 times in the entire New Testament. However, many instances of this connective defy easy definition, and the English translation *for* is often inadequate, obscuring the clue that *gar* gives to the direction of the communicator's thought. In this ground-breaking work, Sarah H. Casson argues that *gar* offers vital guidance to the coherence of Romans. The book applies the cognitive approach of relevance theory to show how *gar* functions as an indispensable guide for tracing the significant points of Paul's argument, helping resolve questions about the coherence of sections, as well as smaller-scale exegetical problems. The work engages with key debates regarding the purpose of Romans and challenges some recent influential interpretations

Features:

- An exegetically useful understanding of the connective *gar*
- A new method for determining Paul's audience and reason for writing
- A challenge to recent key debates and influential interpretations of the purpose of Romans

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