



The Luce Program in Scripture and Literary Arts  
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# *The Moralized Bible:* Life's Little Royal Instruction Book

a lecture by

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In the early 1200s a group of lavishly illuminated Bibles was produced in Paris for members of the royal house of France. Unlike most illustrated Bibles or typological manuscripts, these so-called moralized Bibles paired images in which biblical episodes were interpreted and applied to the conduct of modern life. Such lessons had as their object not the cultivation of a devout personal life, but the execution of significant royal policies, from issues as large as the treatment of the Jews of France to matters as specific as the orthodoxy of philosophers of the University of Paris. This lecture analyzes imagery from the earliest moralized Bible, Codex Vindobonensis 2554, examines the messages conveyed by juxtaposition of text and image, and speculates on the identity of those who would dare to instruct a king.

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