

Lutheran Systematic Theology

[Pannenberg, Wolfhart, and Geoffrey W. Bromiley. *Systematic Theology* . 1993. \(Read on-line\)](#)

This three-volume work is the magnum opus of one of the foremost Christian thinkers of the twentieth century. The English translation, rendered by Geoffrey W. Bromiley (1915–2009), follows the original German Systematische Theologie (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1988–1993). Volume 1 (1991) addresses the nature of theological truth, the concept and reality of God, and the doctrines of revelation and the Trinity. Volume 2 (1994) moves to comprehensive discussions of creation, the nature of humanity, Christology, and salvation. Volume 3 (1998; originally published 1993) completes Pannenberg's project with the exposition of the Holy Spirit, salvation, the church, and eschatological hope. Pannenberg (1928–2014), who held the chair of Systematic Theology at the University of Munich, brings to bear vast historical and exegetical knowledge and keen philosophical argumentation throughout. A landmark work of 20th-century theology.

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[Voigt, A. G. *Biblical Dogmatics* . 1917.](#) This concise yet comprehensive volume presents Christian theology from a Lutheran perspective, representing the substance of Voigt's classroom lectures at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Published in Columbia, S.C., by the Press of the Lutheran Board of Publication, the work employs the traditional Loci method of Lutheran Scholasticism while engaging critically with early twentieth-century biblical scholarship. Voigt (1859–1933) covers all major doctrinal topics—including theology proper, the Trinity, salvation, the sacraments, the church, and eschatology—in a readable and exegetically sensitive manner. Though brief, the book reflects Voigt's conviction "that Christian doctrine is biblical doctrine". A valuable introduction to Lutheran dogmatics for students and general readers alike.

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Reformed / Presbyterian / Calvinist Systematic Theology

[Cheung, Vincent. *Systematic Theology* . 2003. \(Read on-line\)](#) This volume is an introduction to Christian theology presented as a coherent system of beliefs founded on the sovereignty of God and the infallibility of Scripture. Cheung organizes the work into six main sections covering theology proper, Scripture, God, man, Christ, and salvation. Written from a robustly Reformed

and presuppositional perspective, the text argues that systematic theology is "the most important task a Christian can perform". Originally published in 2001, this 2003 edition was released by Reformation Ministries International. A PDF version is available as a free download on the author's website.

[Murell, Stanford E. *A Foundation for Faith: An Introductory Study of Systematic Theology* . 1998.](#)

This volume is a study guide introducing the great doctrines of the Bible in a systematic way. Murrell organizes the work into seven parts covering theology proper, mankind, salvation, the Holy Spirit, and the future. Written from a Presbyterian and Reformed perspective and referencing the Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, the work is designed to be accessible and challenging.

[Berkhof, Louis. *Systematic Theology* . New combined ed. 1938; repr., 1996. \(\[Read on-line\]\(#\) \)](#)

This landmark edition, with a new preface by Richard A. Muller, combines Berkhof's classic *Systematic Theology* (first published in 1932 and revised in 1938) with his *Introductory Volume to Systematic Theology* (1932), restoring the prolegomenon to its proper place. Berkhof (1873–1957), a Dutch-American Reformed theologian and longtime professor at Calvin Theological Seminary, organizes his magnum opus into five parts covering the doctrines of God, man, Christ, the application of redemption, and the church. Written in a scholarly yet accessible style with thorough outlines, indexes, and a bibliography, this work has been called "probably the most useful one-volume systematic theology available" and remains an enduring compendium of Reformed theology.

[Berkhof, Louis. *Summary of Christian Doctrine* . \(\[Read on-line\]\(#\) \)](#) This volume is a very concise, non-technical version of Berkhof's magisterial *Systematic Theology*, written for high school students and lay readers. It offers a simpler and briefer presentation of Reformed doctrine, covering all major topics in a clear, accessible manner: the doctrines of God, man, Christ, the application of redemption, and the church. Berkhof (1873–1957) also added questions for further study, making it an excellent resource for personal or group study.

[Hodge, Charles. *Systematic Theology* . 1872.](#) This monumental three-volume work stands as the definitive systematic theology of 19th-century American Presbyterianism, representing the mature fruit of Hodge's fifty-year teaching career at Princeton Theological Seminary. Published by Scribner, Armstrong, and Company, the volumes are organized into three parts: Volume I (Theology), Volume II (Anthropology), and Volume III (Soteriology and Eschatology). Hodge (1797–1878) approaches theology as a science, employing an inductive method that seeks to collect and systematically arrange biblical facts. The work addresses critical doctrines including

the nature of God, the person and work of Christ, justification by faith, and the reliability of Scripture. Written in a vigorous and clear style, it reflects Hodge's commitment to Reformed orthodoxy and his engagement with contemporary philosophical and theological challenges. A foundational resource for students of historical theology and Reformed thought.

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[Brown, John. *A Compendious View of Natural and Revealed Religion* . 1817.](#) is a rich Reformed systematic theology based on Brown's seminary lectures. Originally published in 1782 at the request of his students. This 1817 edition (London: Wm. Baynes) represents the final version with the author's last additions and corrections. Brown (1722–1787)—a Scottish minister who rose from poverty and self-education to become a professor of divinity—organizes his work into seven books covering God, man, Christ, salvation, and the church. The work is notable for its more than 26,000 scriptural proof texts and numerous exegetical insights. A valuable resource for students, pastors, and theology professors.

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[Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion* . Translated by Henry Beveridge. 1559; repr., 1845.](#) a classic protestant reformed doctrinal book by John Calvin which is quite different then todays systematic theologies but still used and widely read by many. This is a must to read to understand Reformation thought. Volume I contains the original first book and a part of the second, volume II the original second part of the second book and the third book, volume III the original fourth book.

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Congregational Systematic Theology

[Chafer, Lewis Sperry. *Systematic Theology* . 1947.](#) This monumental eight-volume work is the magnum opus of the founding president of Dallas Theological Seminary and longtime editor of Bibliotheca Sacra. Published across 1947 and 1948, it stands as the first dispensational, premillennial systematic theology ever published. Chafer (1871–1952) organizes his

comprehensive study into volumes covering Prolegomena, Bibliology, Theology Proper, Angelology, Anthropology, Hamartiology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. The work is notable for its detailed treatment of topics often neglected in earlier theologies, including ecclesiology, angelology, and typology. A landmark resource for students of dispensational and Reformed theology.

Baptist Systematic Theology

[Gill, John. *Gill's Complete Body of Practical and Doctrinal Divinity* . 1810.](#) This American edition presents an abridgment of Gill's monumental systematic theology, originally published in two parts as *A Body of Doctrinal Divinity* (1767) and *A Body of Practical Divinity* (1770). Gill (1697–1771)—a prominent English Particular Baptist theologian, Hebraist, and pastor of London's Horsleydown Church for over fifty years—organizes his work as a comprehensive "system of evangelical truths, deduced from the Sacred Scriptures". The abridgment by William Staughton (1770–1829), a Baptist minister and later president of Columbian College, condenses the two original volumes into a single accessible volume of 608 pages. The work covers the full scope of Reformed theology, from the doctrines of God and Scripture to salvation, the church, and last things. A cornerstone of eighteenth-century Baptist theology and a lasting monument to confessional Calvinism.

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[Boyce, James Petigru. *Abstract of Systematic Theology* . 1887.](#) This volume is a concise systematic theology of 397 pages, written from a Southern Baptist perspective. Boyce (1827–1888)—a founding faculty member and first president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he also served as professor of Systematic Theology—organizes the work to cover the major loci of Reformed theology in a clear and pedagogical style. The work demonstrates Boyce's commitment to a robust Calvinistic soteriology while addressing topics such as the nature of God, the person and work of Christ, the application of redemption, and eschatology. Intended as a textbook for seminary students, it reflects the theological convictions that shaped Southern Baptist orthodoxy in the nineteenth century. A landmark resource for students of Baptist and Reformed theology.

Available at: [ccel.org](#) , [founders.org](#) , [monergism.com](#) , [reformedreader.org](#)

[Strong, Augustus Hopkins. *Systematic Theology: A Compendium and Commonplace-Book*](#)

[Designed for the Use of Theological Students](#)

[. 1907.](#) This work is

the magnum opus of the longtime president and professor of systematic theology at Rochester Theological Seminary. The first edition was published in 1886, with a second revised and enlarged edition appearing in 1889. The definitive edition was issued in three volumes (1907–1909) as a "revision and enlargement" of the original work. Strong (1836–1921) organizes the work into three main parts: Volume I, The Doctrine of God; Volume II, The Doctrine of Man; and Volume III, The Doctrine of Salvation. The subtitle "Compendium and Commonplace-Book" reflects its design as both a concise summary of Christian doctrine and a repository of quotations and references for students. Written from a broadly evangelical and Baptist perspective, the work engages with contemporary philosophical and theological issues while maintaining a strong commitment to the authority of Scripture. A standard textbook in many conservative Christian colleges and seminaries for over a century.

Methodist Systematic Theology (Arminian)

[Terry, Milton Spenser.](#) [Biblical Dogmatics: An Exposition of the Principal Doctrines of the Holy Scriptures](#)

[. 1907.](#)

This volume is the capstone of Terry's theological trilogy, completing his magnum opus alongside Biblical Hermeneutics (1883) and Biblical Apocalypics (1898). Terry (1840–1914)—a Methodist Episcopal minister and Professor of Christian Doctrine at Garrett Biblical Institute—organizes the work into three parts covering the constitution and possibilities of man, the person and work of Christ, and the application of redemption. Written from a postmillennial and preterist perspective, the work aims to present the principal doctrines of Scripture in a "luminous, simple and systematic statement". A valuable resource for students of Methodist, postmillennial, and preterist theology.

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[Miley, John.](#) [Systematic Theology](#) [. 1892.](#)

This two-volume work is the magnum opus of a leading Methodist theologian of the nineteenth century. Miley (1813–1895), who served as professor of systematic theology at Drew Theological Seminary, structures his comprehensive study to cover the full scope of Christian doctrine: Theism, Theology Proper, Anthropology, Christology, Soteriology, and Eschatology. Written from a distinctly Arminian and Methodist perspective, the work is especially notable for its extensive treatment of the atonement. Miley develops a strong governmental theory of the atonement, heavily reliant on the work of Hugo Grotius, rejecting the penal substitutionary view in favor of a satisfaction through substitution in suffering, not in penalty. A foundational resource for students of Wesleyan and Arminian theology.

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Mennonite Systematic Theology

Finger, Thomas N. *A Contemporary Anabaptist Theology*. 2004. This comprehensive 603-page volume makes explicit the often implicit theology of the Anabaptist movement and presents a constructive theology for the whole contemporary Christian church. Finger, a scholar formerly professor of systematic and spiritual theology at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, organizes the work into three parts: Part I provides the contemporary and historical context, telling the story of Anabaptist thought and its development; Part II explores the coming of the new creation through its salvific center, highlighting the personal, communal, and missional dimensions; Part III addresses the convictional framework—Christology, anthropology, and eschatology. A landmark contribution to Anabaptist theology, this work brings Anabaptist systematic theology to a new level of sophistication and engages ecumenical concerns, offering valuable insights for Protestants, Orthodox, and Roman Catholics alike.

Charismatic / Pentecostal Systematic Theology

[Williams, John Rodman. *Renewal Theology* . 1996. \(Read on-line\)](#) from a presbyterian-charismatic perspective. This is a systematic theology by an presbyterian author who became a charismatic and wrote a systematic theology taking into consideration charistamtic teaching. It will be also interesting to pentecostal believers.

www.RenewalTheology.net

is the website of the author on which you can read 6 more books on-line and many essays.

Horton, Stanley M. *Systematic Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective*. This comprehensive 701-page volume presents the doctrinal convictions of the Pentecostal community of faith, featuring contributions from twenty respected Assemblies of God educators and authors. Horton (1916–2014)—Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Bible and Theology at the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary and a prolific Renewal theologian—served as editor of this collaborative work. The book examines the full scope of Pentecostal theology, addressing topics including the Holy Trinity, the saving work of Christ, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, divine healing, God's inspired Word, and spiritual gifts, while engaging with the strengths and weaknesses of various viewpoints. A foundational resource for students of Pentecostal and charismatic theology. The book is not available to read on-line even partially. If you find a link you may e-mail it to us.

Messianic Judaism

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Christianity at all so we include books here for the sake of being exhaustive. There is still no full systematic theology written from this perspective.

[Cohn-Sherbok, Dan. *Messianic Judaism* . 2000.](#) In this pioneering study, Rabbi Professor Dan Cohn-Sherbok (Emeritus Professor of Judaism, University of Wales) traces the development of the Messianic movement from ancient times to its post-World War II transformation. The volume examines the history and beliefs of Messianic Judaism, offers a detailed exploration of its practices, and assesses the Jewish community's response to the movement. A comprehensive resource for understanding this controversial and growing religious phenomenon from a scholarly perspective.

Neo-orthodox Systematic Theology

[Barth, Karl. *Church Dogmatics: A Selection* . 1961.](#) This volume offers a carefully chosen selection from Barth's monumental thirteen-volume *Church Dogmatics* (1932–1967), widely regarded as the most important theological work of the twentieth century. Edited and translated by G. W. Bromiley (1915–2009)—the principal English translator of the full *Dogmatics*—the selection presents key passages that guide the reader through the heart of Barth's theology, from the doctrine of the Word of God to creation, reconciliation, and redemption. Helmut Gollwitzer's introduction provides an essential orientation to Barth's thought. A valuable resource for students and general readers seeking an accessible entry point into Barth's vast theological vision.

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[Barth, Karl. *Church Dogmatics* . Vol. I/2: *The Doctrine of the Word of God* . \(\[Read on-line\]\(#\) \)](#)

[Barth, Karl. *The Humanity of God* . 1952. \(Read on-line\)](#) This slender volume (96 pages) presents three essays that encapsulate the mature thought of one of the twentieth century's most influential theologians. Barth (1886–1968)—the Swiss professor of theology at the University of Basel and author of the monumental *Church Dogmatics*—here offers a concise and accessible entry point to his theological vision. The three essays, originally given as lectures and translated from the German, are: "Evangelical Theology in the Nineteenth Century," a critical examination of the liberal tradition against which Barth reacted; "The Humanity of God," the title essay in which Barth argues that the deity of God, rightly understood, includes his humanity—a cornerstone of his later theology; and "The Gift of

Freedom," which explores the foundation of evangelical ethics in God's free choice of humanity as his child and partner. Together, these essays show how Barth's later work moved beyond his early emphasis on God as "wholly other" to affirm the profound connection between God and humanity in Jesus Christ. A rewarding introduction to Barth's theological vision.

[Tillich, Paul. *Systematic Theology*. University of Chicago Press, 1957. \(Read on-line\)](#) This three-volume work is the magnum opus of one of the most influential theologians of the twentieth century. Tillich (1886–1965)—a German-American theologian and philosopher who held professorships at the University of Frankfurt, Union Theological Seminary, Harvard University, and the University of Chicago—presents a comprehensive reinterpretation of Christian theology through the lens of existentialist philosophy and a "method of correlation," which seeks to correlate the questions arising from human existence with the answers of Christian revelation.

[Tillich, Paul. *Systematic Theology, Three Volumes In One*. University of Chicago. 1981.](#)

Volume 1 (1951), Reason and Revelation, Being and God, lays the methodological groundwork and develops the doctrine of God.

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Volume 2 (1957), Existence and the Christ, addresses the central mystery of Christianity—the doctrine of Christ—describing the human predicament as a state of "estrangement" from self, world, and the divine ground, which drives humanity to the quest for reconciliation and reunion in the Christ.

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Volume 3 (1963), Life and the Spirit, History and the Kingdom of God, completes the system with the doctrines of the Holy Spirit, the church, and eschatology. A landmark work of twentieth-century theology that continues to shape theological discourse across traditions.

Not available as a separate volume on-line.

Liberal Protestant

[Schleiermacher, Friedrich. *The Christian Faith in Outline* . Translated by Donald Macpherson Baillie. 1922.](#)

This volume presents the paragraph headings of Schleiermacher's epochal *Der christliche Glaube* (1821–22; 2nd ed., 1830–31), with the two editions printed on facing pages. Baillie (1887–1954) — a Scottish theologian and later Professor of Divinity at St. Mary's College, St. Andrews — offers a concise "summary of the argument" that guides the reader through the heart of Schleiermacher's theological vision. The work is grounded in the author's conviction that religion is the "feeling of absolute dependence" on God, making individual consciousness and experience the foundation of theology. A valuable entry point into the thought of the father of modern liberal theology.

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