Provides concise definitions of “key theological terms, doctrines, movements, and personalities.”
Emphasis on the first 19 centuries of the Christian era.

An attempt to clarify the meaning of more than 300 words used in theological discourse.
Cross-references identified by an asterisk in the texts of the definitions.

Contains 174 thorough introductory signed articles by 150 contributors on important themes in Christian theology. Most essays from the 1st edition (1992) were retained and updated, and 26 new articles were added for this edition. Contains bibliographies and cross references.

A “comprehensive survey of central theological topics” representing post-Vatican II Catholic theology.
Contains long signed articles by over 320 international scholars. Select bibliographies, many containing foreign language titles, follow each article. Index in vol. 6.

Fifteen to 20-page signed articles on 38 theologians of the 19th & 20th centuries.

Signed 7 to 12-page essays (with bibliographies) on 52 “shapers of Christian theology at the turn of the millennium.” Includes several non-European and non-North American theologians, including 4 women. Has new articles on 16 of the theologians treated in Peerman’s *Handbook of Christian Theologians*. Contains an article on “Asian Theologians” and “Womanist Theologians.” In 1997 published on a CD-ROM with the *New Handbook of Christian Theology* as the *Abingdon Dictionary of Theology*.

Contains signed articles by 97 contributors on more than 450 Christian theologians who died before 1994.
Articles are generally about one page long, although the articles on the more “crucial theologians” may be up to 2,000 words. “Whenever possible, articles first sketch the theologian’s education and career and then provide a concise summary of that theologian’s major works and contributions to theology.” Short bibliographies at the end of articles list theologian’s most important primary works and secondary works about the theologian’s thought and influence. Includes index.
Contains short signed articles by 61 contributors on theologians from all theological traditions with special attention to those outside Europe and North America. There is a “wide representation of theologians from Africa, Asia, and particularly Latin America.” The editors “paid particular attention to Latino and Latina theologians working within the U.S., as well as to other minorities in the same context.”

Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) by over 50 theologians on about 70 theologians. Essays are grouped under the following time periods: Early Centuries, Middle Ages, Reformation Period, Enlightenment & Modern Period, and Twentieth Century to Present. Also contains a few general articles: the reformation, Black theology, liberal theology, process theology, and Vatican II. Each volume includes the same time line, glossary, and index. Gauged for the student “taking introductory classes in theology.”

Contains 62 chapters (with bibliographies) by 56 contributors. There are 3 introductory chapters on Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant theology in the 20th century; part VI contains 6 chapters on “Theological Movements and Developments.” Fifty-two chapters contain 12 to 14-page portraits of “key theological thinkers in the modern and postmodern eras” under the following headings: Protestant Theologians (Continental and Scandinavian), Catholic Theologians, Orthodox Theologians, British and American Theologians, and Theology, Philosophy & Literature. “Each portrait includes a short personal and intellectual biography, an overview of the work, key theological themes and an evaluation of the thinker’s influence on modern and postmodern theology.” Includes an index.

Contains signed articles (averaging about 15 pages) on 33 twentieth-century theologians who had or have "significant influence on or in the evangelical movement." Includes bibliographies.

Aims "to provide as comprehensive a guide as possible to the present state of Christian theology in its Western academic manifestations and in the setting of the modern world." The 48 chapters (averaging 20 pages) by 47 contributors are arranged under the following six headings: the Bible, the tradition, philosophy, spirituality, practical theology, and Christian theology: scene and prospect. The chapters reflect "the various intellectual disciplines which have grown up over the centuries to investigate and consider aspects of theology." Bibliographies are included at the end of each chapter and contains person/subject index for all chapters in back.

Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) by 260 scholars from 20 countries representing a wide range of perspectives. There are lengthy survey articles on “Pre-Constantine Thought,” each century from the 16th, “Greek Theology, 4th-6th Century,” “Byzantine Theology,” and “Eastern Orthodox
Theology.” Contains shorter survey articles on events, movements, individuals (many from the 20th century), and national & regional traditions. The biblical entries focus on the way in which Scripture has been an influential component in the shaping of Christian thought. Includes a wide range of articles on such topics as symbols, non-Christians who have influenced Christian thought, methodological themes, Christian living, places of theological significance, science, music, art, poetry, novels, politics, philosophy, and ethics, as well as the traditional theological topics. The emphasis is on the movement of ideas rather than on factual information. Contains many cross references and an index of people referred to in the articles, but not the subject of an article.

Contains 314 signed articles (with bibliographies) from 500 to 15,000 words in length by 173 international and interdenominational scholars. Articles concentrate on significant figures (a few living) and schools of thought in the development of Christian theology. Contributors locate the subjects in their theological contexts and indicate their intellectual antecedents and descendants and roles in shaping the wider development of the Christian theological tradition. Gauged for as wide a readership as possible. Includes an index.

Religious and Theological Abstracts.
See “Guide to Religious and Theological Abstracts” on HST website. Go to HST website, click on library, and on “find articles.” This guide is also on the “Periodical Indexes and Abstracts” handout.

Students working on theses and guided research papers in Christian doctrine should consult "Elenchus Bibliographicus" in Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses (PER.205/E63)


Contains signed articles with bibliographies by 92 contributors. Attempts to provide a balanced treatment of the following subjects: central themes of Christian thought; philosophical movements which have influenced Christian thought; Protestant theology by region; thought within major denominations; major transdenominational movements; and Christianity in China, India, Japan, and Korea.

Contains over 550 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 302 “leading contemporary theologians from around the world.” About 10% of the articles are 2,000-word “core entries,” which comprise about 25% of the total volume of the text. These serve “as the superstructure around and in terms of which many of the other entries are conceived and composed.” These “core entries” fall into 5 categories: traditional doctrinal topics or loci, confessional orientations, theological styles, Christianity’s relation to other faith traditions, and academic disciplines. Core article titles are printed in all capital letters in bold type; other article titles are printed in bold type and small capitals. Cross-references appear at the end of some
articles; terms within articles in small capital letters indicate a separate article on that subject in the dictionary. A “References” list in the back identifies titles cited with an abbreviated title in the articles. Includes biographical articles, but none about living persons.

Thiselton wrote all 600-plus articles and attempted to maintain “a judicious balance between research material and a tool for teaching.” The average length of article is 700 words although “some 122 articles exceed 1,000 words and over 480 are shorter articles.” Articles exceeding 700 words have bibliographies. Includes articles on numerous theologians. Contains a “Time Chart” from the first century into the 21st century.

A major revision of the 2nd ed. (2001). Reduced size by nearly 30%. It is “more focused on systematic theology,” and reduced or removed some secondary articles in biblical and historical theology. Contains no articles on living theologians. “Added 150,000 words of new content” and diversified contributors “adding female, ethnic minority, and/or Majority World perspectives.” Added new articles and replaced a wide range of earlier articles, especially larger treatments of major doctrinal loci and articles on early Christianity. “Many remaining articles contain modest changes, updating scholarly and/or recent evangelical trends.” Updated bibliographies at end of articles and added extensive cross-references. Includes a list of entries in the back.

A thorough revision of *A Dictionary of Christian Theology* (1969). Contains signed articles by 175 contributors focusing on “theological thinking against a historical background rather than on historical events or figures.” Has no biographical articles, but contains a name index. Provides select bibliographies and cross-references.

Brief explanations of the most important concepts of modern Catholic dogmatic theology.

The first comprehensive theological dictionary by English-speaking Catholic theologians. Contains 140 definitions, 190 major articles, and 110 shorter articles by 175 contributors. Has liberal cross-references and extensive bibliographies. An attempt to present "serious scholarly research in such a way as to be useful for those engaged in secondary and college-level teaching or in ordinary preaching." The contributors were asked "to summarize the contribution of Vatican II and to indicate the present state of theological understanding."

The first edition intended to provide "a basic introduction to the world of theology--its themes, its famous formulations, its distinguished exponents, its sources, disciplines & styles, its technical vocabulary, its movements, schools & traditions, and its interaction with other currents of thought and religion."
Contains over 800 signed articles (with updated bibliographies) by over 300 contributors. Deleted material on biblical theology for this edition and thus it is more a dictionary of systematic and historical theology. More than half of the articles are new or rewritten and hundreds more have been thoroughly revised. This edition is “fully one-third larger than” the first edition. Includes cross-references and indexes of names, subjects, and articles. Conservative perspective.


230.04409/T882. Whitford, David M., ed. T&T Clark Companion to Reformation Theology. New York: T&T Clark, 2012. Part I contains 19 signed chapters. Chapter I is “Studying and Writing about the Reformation.” The following 18 chapters treat “various theological doctrines, issues, and topics that were contested during the Reformation era.” A bibliography of primary and secondary sources follows each of these 18 essays. The notes for all the chapters are compiled at the end of the book. “Part II contains short definitions and explanations of scores of important people, events, and theological topics from the Reformation.” Abbreviations for the authors of these short articles are on p. 468.

R.R.230.09031/W532. Holder, R. Ward, ed. The Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation. The Westminster Handbooks to Christian Theology. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2010. Contains brief (150 to 450 words) signed articles by 34 contributors. This work is a “quick reference to give students a guide as they begin to orient themselves to the study of the Reformation” covering the period “roughly from 1500 to 1650.” Articles include bibliographies of secondary sources; gives full citations in the “Secondary Bibliography (189-218). Also includes a bibliography of primary resources 177-87).

R.R.239.03/D554. Latourelle, René, and Rino Fisichella. Dictionary of Fundamental Theology. New York: Crossroad, 1994. Contains 223 signed articles (with bibliographies) by almost 100 Catholic contributors on "all of the topics of fundamental (apologetic) theology." Structured to include material on the following: Christian revelation and its singularity, credibility of revelation, faith: the human being's response to revelation, implications of the singularity of Christian revelation, and historical outlook. Thirty-five articles are lengthy discussions of the broader concepts. Also includes biographical articles on the "greats of classical apologetics and contemporary fundamental theology." Has analytical index.

Designed to provide an “introduction to the basic notions of Catholic theology.” Each signed article is divided into five sections: biblical background, history of theology, church teaching, ecumenical perspectives, and systematic reflections. Fifty-nine charts and tables present overviews of “important theological notions, topics, and events.” Bibliographies follow each article and includes a subject index.


Contains more than 360 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 126 contributors. It “provides definitions of major theological themes and, as appropriate, a Wesleyan assessment of each. It contains a comprehensive statement of Wesleyan theology and tradition, as set within the broader framework of classical Christian faith and practice.” “Designed for clergy, laypersons, university students, and church teachers.” Includes cross-references, a list of topics arranged by categories, and a Scripture index.


Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) by 45 Dispensational authors on Bible prophecy, the major tenets of Dispensationalism, its history and development, and historic persons. Contains index.


Contains signed articles by 185 authors (majority of which are from North America) intended to be "intelligible to educated laypersons as well as to clergy and religious professionals." "Seeks to provide guidance to readers who are interested in all areas of Christian theology as they relate to feminism, as well as in theologies of other religions as developed by feminists." Articles contain bibliographical references keyed to the extensive bibliography in the back. The following nine area articles provide an introduction to feminist theology: biblical studies; church histories; church ministries and worship; theologies, contemporary; ethics and moral theologies; feminist theories; theologies, historical; justice and social change; and spirituality, women's. Provides cross-references within the articles by placing an asterisk before terms that are discussed elsewhere.


Contains signed articles by 107 contributors from the Third World. Articles treat “key theological concerns and issues that affect the Third World and enable readers to consider the different ways a particular theological thought has been articulated within the Third World.” Bibliographies and cross-references follow each article. Has list of “Selected English-Language Journals on Issues in Third World Theologies” in the back.


Short essays followed by bibliographies. Arranged by country, the chapters include some or all of the following: brief history of the country; brief history of Christianity in the country; theological reflection in the country; theologians, their insights and works; women doing theology; organizations that promote contextual theology, and supplementary bibliography. Vol. 1: Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri
Lanka, New Zealand, and Australia; vol. 2: Burma/Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia & Singapore, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam; vol. 3: China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Macau, Taiwan. Each volume contains an index of persons and subjects.

Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) by a global team of 197 contributors. “Conceived to provide a general overview of theological reflection and practice throughout the world” in an attempt to put “into a dialogue voices from different local contexts.” The “larger entries as well as a number of the small ones are usually coauthored by two or more theologians from various locations and traditions collaborating to produce a joint article with the intention of facilitating dialogue and exchange of ideas.” There are no entries on individual theologians; entries are on “themes, country and area studies, movements, and traditions.” Includes cross references, and indexes of Scripture, persons, and subjects.

Selections from Die Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart... “In many cases the article by the man on the issue in R.R.G. is the best available summary of his position. Here, and perhaps nowhere else, the present-day reader may study Tillich on Myth and on Revelation; Bultmann on Gospels and on Paul; Paul Althaus on Eschatology.”

Note: The following references will be used in both Christian doctrine and historical courses:

Contains 625 extracts from original sources that relate to the history and doctrine of the church from 429 B.C. through A.D. 1522. Each volume contains a person/subject index.

Contains extracts (frequently lengthy) from documents which relate to the history and doctrine of the church from the 1st into the twenty-first century. Added substantial material in the 3rd ed. illustrating the Second Vatican Council; theologies of liberation; church and state from “Thatcher’s Britain” to Communist Eastern Europe; Black, feminist & ecological theology; ecumenism; inner-faith dialogue; homosexuality; divorce; AIDS; and in-vitro fertilization. This 4th ed. “includes extracts exploring the churches’ responses to questions of social justice, international politics, trade & debt, environmental change and technological development, including the Internet.” This new ed. “also examines the global growth of Christianity, the progress of Christian unity, mission in multi-faith societies, disability, migration, domestic violence and addiction.” Additions to the 3rd edition are mainly in Section XVIII, on the first decade of the 21st century. Sections XIV to XVII have seven new subsections. Includes person/subject index.

Contains 307 extracts from original sources related to the history and doctrine of the church to A.D. 337. Contains chronological synopsis of church history and person/subject index. For this printing the 2nd rev. ed. (1987) “was retypeset and repaginated, and minor errors corrected throughout.”


R.R.291.20973/E56. Melton, J. Gordon. The Encyclopedia of American Religions: Religious Creeds. 2v. Detroit: Gale Research, 1988-1994. The subtitle describes the contents: A Compilation of More Than 450 (actually 464) Creeds, Confessions, Statements of Faith, and Summaries of Doctrine of Religious and Spiritual Groups in the United States and Canada. Arranged into 23 chapters representing the major religious families, then arranged alphabetically by the individual churches, religious bodies, and spiritual groups that constitute each family. Has creed/organization index. Vol. II contains 400 creeds, etc. not published in vol. I. It incorporates belief statements of religions groups listed in Melton, etc. Directory of Religious Organizations in the United States (3rd ed., 1993). Melton's Directory lists many Evangelical Christian groups. Vol. II also includes historical notes and comments to provide the context in which creeds were written, revised, or discarded. It also includes doctrinal statements for more than 120 religiously based colleges and seminaries and also independent religious schools. The largest number of creeds are in the Independent Fundamentalist chapter. In vol. II material within each chapter is arranged alphabetically by the name of the group or organization, not by the name of the creed as in vol I. The Creed/Organization Name and Keyword Index in vol. II indexes both volumes.

Papal Encyclicals Online (http://www.papalencyclicals.net/) Most of the encyclicals on this site were scanned from The Papal Encyclicals 1740-1981. 5v. Edited by Claudia Carlen. Raleigh, NC: Pierian Press, 1990 (R.R.262.91/C363c). It includes a “Chronological List of All the Popes” with links to the New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia article for each up to Pope St. Pius X; directory of Popes for whom documents are available on this site; a document directory arranged in descending chronological order by Pope; and a directory of church councils with texts of their decrees.

* R.R.238/C913. Pelikan, Jaroslav, and Valerie Hotchkiss, eds. Creeds and Confessions of Faith in the Christian Tradition. 4v. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003. English translations of more than 225 documents from countries and cultures around the world from the creedal statements in the Bible to the Lutheran-Roman Catholic “Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (1999).” For each creed or confession provides a brief introduction, notes, and commentary. Vol. 1 contains Rules of Faith in the Early Church, Eastern Orthodox Affirmations of Faith, and Medieval Western Statements of Faith; vol. 2 contains Creeds and Confessions of the Reformation Era; and vol. 3 contains Statements of Faith in Modern Christianity. In vol. 4, Credo, Pelikan discusses the history of creeds, their meaning and purpose, and the issues and controversies that spawned new creeds. The same 55-page bibliography and Scripture index to the creeds are included in v. 1-3; all 4 vols. contain the “comparative creedal syndogmaticon” that locates where a particular doctrine is treated in the different creeds or confessions and the index of churches, heresies, creeds, confessions, and councils referred to in the texts of the creeds, confessions or councils included in the corpus. Inquire at the front desk for accompanying CD-ROM which contains the documents in their original languages.
THEOLOGY JOURNALS

Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society. 1958-
A quarterly published by the Evangelical Theological Society that exists “to foster conservative Biblical scholarship by providing a medium for the oral exchange and written expression of thought and research in the general field of the theological disciplines as centered in the Scriptures.” Contains articles on biblical texts and biblical theology from an evangelical perspective. Published as the Bulletin of the Evangelical Theological Society, 1958-68. Full text (except last 24 months) available through ATLA Religion Database from 1958. HST library has a complete print run (PER/205/B936e).

Modern Theology. 1984-
A quarterly containing “scholarly articles addressing issues specific to the discipline of theology and wider issues from a theological perspective.” Also publishes critical book reviews, review essays and responses to articles. Full text (except last 60 months) available through ATLA Religion Database from 1984 on. HST library has print copies of 1984-88 (PER/230/M689) and microfiche from 1988 on.

Pro Ecclesia: A Journal of Catholic and Evangelical Theology. 1992-
A quarterly published by the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology. “It seeks to give contemporary expression to the one apostolic faith and its classic traditions, working for and manifesting the church’s unity by research, theological construction, and free exchange of opinion. Members of its advisory council represent communities committed to the authority of Holy Scripture, ecumenical dogmatic teaching and the structural continuity of the church. The journal publishes biblical, liturgical, historical and doctrinal articles that promote or illumine its purposes.” Also includes book reviews. Full text available through ATLA Religion Database from 1992 on. HST library has a complete print run (PER/260/P962).

Theological Studies. 1940-
A “Catholic scholarly quarterly journal that serves the Church and its mission by promoting a deeper understanding of the Christian faith through the publication of research in theological disciplines. Through refereed articles and reviews of noteworthy books, the journal aims to recover and to help make accessible the riches of the theological tradition, and to present significant developments in current theology.” Founded and sponsored by the Society of Jesus in the United States of America. Published a separate cumulative index for 1940-79. Full text available through ATLA Religion Database from 1940 on. HST library has microfilm of 1940-47 and print copies from 1945 on (PER/205/T342).

Theology Today. 1944-
A peer-reviewed, quarterly journal. “The editors seek to introduce to an ecumenical readership of academics and religious leaders significant new figures and movements in Christian theology, to foster intellectual encounters between Christianity and the other Abrahamic faiths, and to bring theological reflection and assessment into dialogue with emerging forms of church life and mission.” Published an index to v. 1-50 (1944-94) bound in vol. 50. Full text available through ATLA Religion Database from 1944 on. HST library has a complete print run (PER/205/T341).

Trinity Journal. 1974-
Published as Trinity Studies, 1971-72 and as Trinity Journal, v. 3-7 (1974-78) as an organ of the students of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Began as Trinity Journal, new series, vol. 1 in 1980 published
twice a year by the faculty of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Articles deal with classic biblical, historical, and theological issues. Full text available through ATLA Religion Database from 1977 on. HST library has print volumes 1975-78, and 1980 on (PER/205/T833).

*Westminster Theological Journal.* 1938-
Published semiannually by Westminster Theological Seminary, it specializes “in all aspects of theology, church history, and biblical interpretation.” This conservative journal “exists to further Reformed theological scholarship.” Includes book reviews. Full text available through ATLA Religion Database from 1938 on. HST library has a complete print run (PER/205/W528).