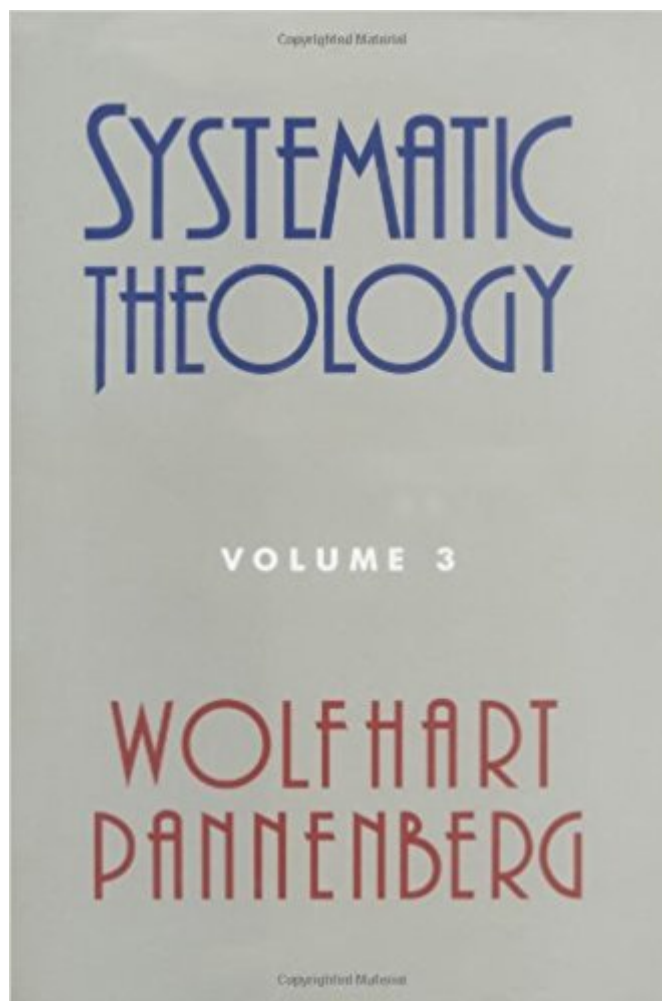


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Wolfhart Pannenberg (1928-2014) was professor emeritus of Systematic Theology at the University of Munich and director of the Institute for Fundamental Theology and Ecumenics. Geoffrey W. Bromiley (1915-2009) was professor emeritus of Church History and Historical Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. He was best known as the translator of numerous theological books, including the 9-volume Theology --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

In an age filled with "theologians" who have little interest in or knowledge of God, His attributes and His acts, Hodge is a must read. Though he does have his share of quirks (for example, his odd view of the salvation of infants who die), yet his Biblical insights, along with his piercing logic, will make any Christian reader a better theologian. There are so many gems of theological exposition in this work that it would be impossible to list all of them, but I would urge every reader not to miss these--the inspiration of Scripture, the attributes of God, the Person of Christ, the nature of justification by faith alone, the nature of sanctification, the meaning of the Ten Commandments, and

of course, though they are often scoffed at in our age, the proofs for the existence of God (Chapter II, Theism). Though there remain a few quite minor formatting flaws in this edition, the editor completed a daunting task to make this complex work conveniently available for Kindle, and at a wonderful price. Many, many thanks!

Wolfhart Pannenberg, a prominent German theologian. Perhaps most notably his concept of history as a form of revelation centered on the Resurrection of Christ, which has been widely debated in both Protestant and Catholic theology, as well as by non-Christian thinkers. Thus Pannenberg's contribution to the modern theology is undeniable, and in this third volume he attempts to extend his definition for God as power into the third person or essence of God, the Holy Spirit. It is not the most important or prominent volume in his magnum opus (three volume systematic theology) but it is definitely the most controversial and studied volume by far. As far as the quality of the book goes you may want to consider its academic paperback edition sold in one of the listing here, which has the same content, but since it was published for scholars I find its binding tighter and firm than this Eerdmans'. With much reading it will soon wear out and I had to purchase the second copy as well.

In my opinion, there's no doubt that Charles Hodge was a great theologian. His work at Princeton did much to preserve the blood redemption of the Cross of Christ for the Church in the US in the mid 19th Century. I think Hodge spent too much time talking about the viewpoints he didn't believe in which take up too much space in this work. I once worked for a supervisor of whom was said "ask him what time it is, and he'll tell you how to build a watch". If you asked Hodge how to be saved, he may give you a 60+ page dissertation on the meaning of the word faith (he does in this work). At times I think he's too wordy. Another thing that caught me off guard is all the Latin in this book. It's in important places, too. He may refer to the work of a by gone Biblical scholar to make a point, but the quote is in Latin. I'm sure if I would have been in his classes at Princeton, I'd have known Latin. I'm not going to learn it now. In my opinion if you want a great Systematic Theology, get Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer's. There's none that can top it. Dr. Chafer does quote Hodge several times in his work. I think Hodge's work is an important part of my library.

Have used Hodge on Systematic Theology since my Bible College days 30+ years ago. Bought this for the digital format. Hodge is among the very best for academic theology; not for the "faint-of-heart" in theological reading, but if a person has sufficient theological background this is very good.

Easy to navigate commentary. Table of contents are well set up and the features are great. Also an excellent theological work by a great mind.

Very good book own what a Christian believes and why may not be as popular as some the newer ones but very well wrote, Dr. Hodge did a lot research into writing this book, really help you grow in your Christian walk

A classic work, in the reformed tradition of theology, in a portable, readable format Thanks .

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