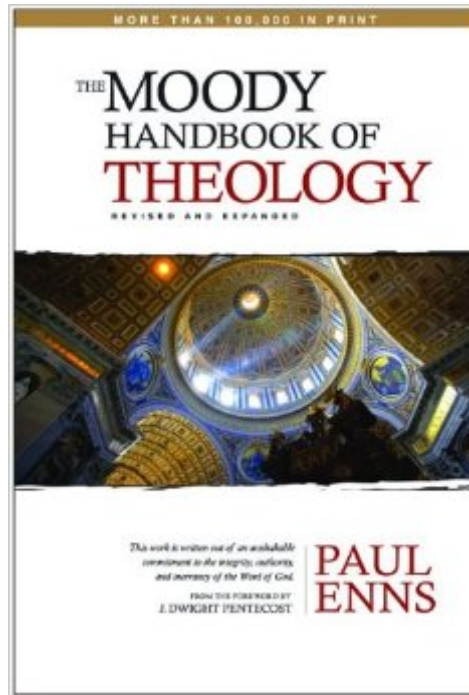


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Synopsis

The Moody Handbook of Theology leads the beginner into the appreciation and understanding of this essential field of study. It introduces the reader to the five dimensions that provide a comprehensive view of theology: biblical, systematic, historical, dogmatic and contemporary. The apostle Paul wrote that all Scripture is 'profitable for teaching' (2 Tim. 3:16), that Timothy should 'pay close attention to...your teaching' (1 Tim. 4:16), and that leaders should 'be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict' (Titus 1:9). When he wrote these statements, Paul was referring to theology. Beyond giving basic definitions and general descriptions, author Paul Enns summarized the substantial features of theology. In this way, he provides a concise doctrinal reference tool for the newcomer as well as the seasoned scholar seeking a refresher. There are fifty-five informative charts located at strategic points throughout the book.

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Most handbooks of theology are fairly brief works of about 150 pages consisting of short articles that explain doctrines, heresies, movements, and leading men in the field of theology. However, this massive work is divided into five parts that cover biblical theology (in 16 chapters that survey the theology of all major biblical sections), systematic theology (bibliology, theology proper, christology, etc.), historical theology (surveying the major theological teachings of the ancient, medieval, Reformation, and modern eras), dogmatic theology (with chapters on Calvinistic, Arminian, covenant, dispensational, and Catholic theology), and contemporary theology (10 types, including Evangelical Feminism, Charismatic Theology and the Emerging Church). It has 48 chapters and an

epilogue, 55 simple-to-understand charts, a 26-page glossary of terms and names, and several indexes (persons, subjects, and Scripture references), endnotes identifying sources quoted, and helpful bibliographies. Enns is a ThM and ThD graduate of Dallas Seminary and dispensational in his convictions, yet he graciously presents and responds to other views. He is currently a minister for Biblical Training & Leadership Development as professor and director of the Tampa Extension, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. The simple writing style of this work makes it appropriate for Bible institute, college, and seminary students and graduates as well as for lay persons interested in learning more about theology. This volume is highly recommended as no other work is so comprehensive, understandable (using lay language yet scholarly with excellent endnoting), and well laid out.

This book is a great resource if you are looking for concise answers to theological questions. It is great because you get a good comprehensive overview of many different areas of theology (Biblical, Systematic, Historical, Dogmatic, and Modern) in one book! I am reading the entire book for a class. It does feel like I am reading 5 books! Even though it is not meant to be comprehensive, I am still getting a lot out of reading it (especially in areas where I have not done much research). I like how the book starts with Biblical Theology and states that Biblical Theology should lay the foundation for Systematic theology. Too often, we develop our systematic theology first and then read that back into the Bible. This is backwards. We need to let God speak to us first in context, and then build on that foundation. The book is well footnoted and points you to other excellent resources for further study. The author is mildly Calvinist, dispensational, young earth and cessationist. You are never going to agree with an author on everything, especially in a book that touches on as many subjects as this one does. I am not Calvinist or cessationist, so I had some disagreements with him in places. The only negative for me is that he did not do a very good job in the systematic or Biblical theology sections discussing the Biblical evidence against his views and for the opposing views. That may be because of the nature of the book, but it still felt like the book could have been a bit more balanced. There are Calvinist statements like "regeneration happened in the Old Testament" that are not well supported. I wish it was that presented the alternative views better and did not argue so strongly for Calvinistic thought.

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