

Systematic Theology I (2ST508), Scripture and God
Fall Term, 2010
Course Handbook

Tuesdays, 2-5 PM

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My stated office hours this term are Wednesdays, 8-9:30 and 11-12 AM, others by appointment. I'm in my office most mornings, and if my door is ajar I'll be happy to see you. Feel free to write me at jframe@rts.edu. I will probably give a better answer to your question by email than in person, but I realize that sometimes face-to-face meetings are better.

Teaching Assistant, Jonathan (Jonny) Dyer

Jonny has done great work in my courses, and as teaching assistant in several courses. I believe he can answer most all of your questions, both about procedures and course content. Do feel free to write him, jonnywdyer@gmail.com. He will be writing and grading the class exams, with my assistance. If you have a problem with an exam or with your grade, please talk to him first. If you can't come to agreement with him, I'll be willing to arbitrate.

Texts and Abbreviations:

DG: Frame, *Doctrine of God* (P&R, 2002). ISBN 13 9780875522630 ISBN 0-87552-263-7.

JM: *Collected Writings of John Murray 2: Systematic Theology* (Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1977). ISBN 9780851512426

RC: Reformed Confessions, any edition (available online for download at <http://www.tulip.org/refcon/>, or for reading at <http://www.creeds.net/reformed/creeds.htm>.)

SD: Supplementary Documents (available at www.reformedperspectives.org. Click on "Hall of Frame," then on this course.)

Frame, *Doctrine of God* (Lecture Outline) (DGLO)

Frame, *Doctrine of God* Study Guide (DGSG)

Frame, *Doctrine of the Word of God* Study Guide (DWGSG)

Frame, *Doctrine of the Word of God* (Manuscript of forthcoming book) (DWG)

Frame, *Doctrine of Man* (Lecture Outline) (DMLO)

Frame, "Introduction to the Reformed Faith"

Warfield, "A Brief and Untechnical Statement of the Reformed Faith"

Van Til, "Nature and Scripture"

John Murray, "The Attestation of Scripture"

Frame, "In Defense of Something Close to Biblicism"

Frame, "Traditionalism"

Recommended:

The Collected Works of John M. Frame (P&R and Bits and Bytes, 2008), Vol. 1: three CDs or one DVD, including six books, many articles, and 70 hours of audio lectures on MP3s, including my lectures on Scripture and God. This volume focuses on systematic theology. Vol. 2 will deal specifically with apologetics, vol. 3 with ethics and worship. It costs a lot, but the cost per book (and other materials) is pretty low.

John Frame, *Perspectives on the Word of God* (Wipf and Stock, 1999).

ISBN 13 9780875522449 ISBN 1-57910-257-3. A short introduction to my approach to the

Doctrine of the Word and Ethics.

Norman Geisler, ed., *Inerrancy* (Zondervan, 1979). ISBN 13 9780310392811 ISBN 0-310-39281-0. Evangelical articles about the nature and problems of inerrancy, written for the International Council on Biblical Inerrancy. Generally high quality. I have assigned some of these chapters in past editions of this course.

Alister McGrath, *Christian Theology Reader* (Blackwell, 2007 edition) ISBN-13: 978140515358. ISBN-10: 1-4051-5358-X. I have required assignments from this book in the past, but will not do so this year. It has a great many short excerpts from important theological writers of history and of recent times.

Anthony Hoekema, *Created in God's Image* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1994).

Meredith G. Kline, *Images of the Spirit* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 1999). Important work on the image of God, among other things.

Richard Pratt, *Designed for Dignity* (Phillipsburg: P&R, 2000). Popular treatment of the Doctrine of Man, theologically substantial.

Systematic Theologies: Hodge, Bavinck, Berkhof, Grudem, Reymond

Objectives

1. To give reasons for confidence in the absolute authority of Scripture as God's Word.
2. To show that disbelief and disobedience to Scripture are inconsistent with faith in Jesus Christ.
3. To present God as covenant Lord and ways of speaking about him consistent with his Lordship as revealed in Scripture.
4. To elicit a greater love for our Triune God and his revelation.
5. To help students to better understand themselves as the image of God, fallen into sin, in constant need of the redeeming work of Christ.

Assignments

1. Class attendance is required. I won't call the roll, but students who are often absent or late without excuse will be penalized.
2. You are asked to complete all reading assignments on the days indicated below. For the first and second parts of the course (Doctrine of God, Doctrine of the Word of God) I have supplied Study Guides (DGSG, DWGSG). For each class period, you are to prepare the material for the lesson assigned for that day. That means, you should be prepared to define any of the key terms or answer any of the questions. During these parts of the course, I will not lecture, as a rule, but will call on individual students to respond to Study Guide questions and define Key Terms. I may also ask questions that are not on the Study Guide, to determine how well you understand the issues. In the Doctrine of Man unit, there will be no study guide. I will be lecturing from the lecture outline provided.
3. Midterm Test on the Doctrine of God unit (everything we have covered to that point). The test will be given in the library, and you may take it any time from the opening of the library on Monday, Oct. 26, to its closing on Saturday, Oct. 31. *Important note: Please do not use exams from past years to study for the Midterm or the Final. If you do, it will be considered cheating.*
4. Final Exam, only on the Doctrine of the Word of God and Doctrine of Man units (material covered since the midterm). Time and place will be announced. *See important note under 3, above.*

Grading

All assignments will be graded on a pass-fail basis. Your final grade will be calculated thus, based on assignments 2-4 above:

Passing work on assignments 2-4: A.

Passing work on two of three assignments: B.

Passing work on one of three: C.

No passing work: F.

Weekly Assignments

All dates are Tuesdays.

Aug. 31: Introduction to the Doctrine of God

DG, 1-46, 80-115.

DGSG, Lessons 1-3, 5-7.

SD: Frame, "Introduction to the Reformed Faith"

Warfield, "A Brief and Untechnical Statement of the Reformed Faith"

Sept. 7: God's Sovereignty, Human Responsibility, Evil

DG, Chapters 4, 8, 9. For assignments in DG, you may find it helpful to consult DGLO as well, which provides an outline of DG. We may occasionally use that outline in class as well. Large Roman numerals in the outline correspond to chapter numbers in the book.

DGSG, Questions on the above chapters (similarly each week from now on).

Second Helvetic Confession, 9.

Westminster Confession of Faith, 3.1, 9.1-5.

Sept. 14: The Acts of God

DG and DGSG, Chapters 13-16 (Notice that we are skipping some material.)

RC

Belgic Confession, 14-16.

CD: First Head, Articles 1-18 and Rejection of Errors

Heidelberg Catechism, 26-28.

Second Helvetic Confession, 6-7, 10.

Westminster Confession of Faith, 3-5.

Westminster Larger Catechism, 12-19.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, 7-11.

Sept. 21: Attributes of God

DG 19-26 (Omitting some more topics.)

DGSG

Lesson 19: questions 2, 9, 10

20: 3, 5, 7, 10, 17

21: 1, 4, 6, 9

22: 7, 8-11, 12, 13

23: 2, 10, 11

24: 4, 5, 8, 9

25: 1, 3, 10, 13

26: 2, 3, 4

RC:

Westminster Confession of Faith, 2

Westminster Larger Catechism 7-8

Westminster Shorter Catechism, 4-5.

Sept. 28: The Trinity

DG and DGSG, Chapters 27-29.
 Westminster Confession of Faith, 2
 Westminster Larger Catechism, 9-11

Oct. 4-9: MID-TERM EXAMINATION. Take the exam in the library, any time from its opening on Monday the 4th to its closing on Saturday the 9th. The exam will deal only with the Doctrine of God, that is, the assignments made through Sept. 28.

Oct. 5: The Word of God

DWG and DWGSG, Chapters 1-7.

OCT. 12: NO CLASS, READING WEEK.

Oct. 19: Nature and Media of the Word

DWG and DWGSG, 8-15.

SD: Van Til, "Nature and Scripture" Note: Don't get tied up with all the philosophers here.

Focus on Van Til's basic comparison and contrast between the attributes of natural and scriptural revelation.

RC

Belgic Confession, Articles I-VII

Confession of 1967, I, C, 2

Canons of Dort, Third and Fourth Heads, I-V

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 1-3, 19, 21-23, 67

Second Helvetic Confession, I-II

Westminster Confession of Faith Chapters 1, 14.

Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 1-5

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 1-3

Oct. 26: The Written Word

DWG and DWGSG, 16-23, 26, 29-32.

SD: Murray, "The Attestation of Scripture," Part 1, "The Objective Witness."

Frame, "In Defense of Something Close to Biblicism"

Frame, "Traditionalism."

Nov. 2: The Transmission of Scripture

DWG and DWGSG 33-34, 38-40

Nov. 9: Person Revelation

DWG and DWGSG, 41-46

SD: Murray, "The Attestation of Scripture," Part 2, "The Internal Testimony."

Nov. 16: The Creation and Nature of Man

DMLO 1-16

JM, 1-46, 60-66

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 4.

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q 17.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 10.

Belgic Confession 14

Nov. 23: Sin

DMLO 16-23, 26-28.

JM, 67-119

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 6.

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q 21-29.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q 13-20

Belgic Confession 14, 15, 17.

Canons of Dordt, Third and Fourth Heads

Heidelberg Catechism, Q 3-14.

Nov. 30: Covenants

DMLO, 23-26

JM, 47-59.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chap. 7.

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q 30-36.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q 20.

Course Bibliographies

Introduction to the Reformed Faith

See also the Reformed systematic theologies listed under "Systematic Theology and Theological Method"

Bavinck, Herman, *Our Reasonable Faith* (Baker, 1956). Bavinck was the leading Dutch dogmatician of the late 19th, early

20th centuries. This is his brief, 568 page (!) summary of his four-volume Dogmatics. His full

Dogmatics has recently been translated into English and is invaluable.

- Boettner, Lorraine, *The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination* (P&R). A good, standard work.
- Boice, James, *Foundations of the Faith*. A popular summary of Reformed doctrine.
- Bratt, J., ed., *The Heritage of John Calvin* (1973). Essays on Calvin and his influence. Note comparisons between Calvin and Thomas Aquinas (Breen) and between Calvin and Arminius (Bangs).
- Calvin, John, *Concerning the Eternal Predestination of God* ("Calvin's Calvinism." His argument against Pighius on predestination.) --, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. The definitive formulation. You must read this before leaving seminary.
- Coppes, Leonard J., *Are Five Points Enough? Ten Points of Calvinism* (Manassas: Reformation Educational Foundation, 1980).
- Elwell, Walter, ed., *Handbook of Evangelical Theologians* (Baker, 1993). Biographies and emphases of various thinkers, including Warfield, Berkhof, Machen, Van Til, Murray, Clark, Berkouwer, Schaeffer, Henry, Hoekema, Carnell, Packer, McGrath.
- Hagopian, David G., ed., *Back to Basics* (P&R, 1996).
- Hodge, A. A., *Outlines of Theology* (Zondervan, 1879, 1972). A one-volume work by the son of Charles Hodge.
- Kline, Meredith, *The Structure of Biblical Authority* (Eerdmans, 1972). Best source for the "covenant" concept expounded in lecture.
- Klooster, Fred, *Calvin's Doctrine of Predestination*. (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1977).
- Kuyper, A., *Lectures on Calvinism* (Eerdmans, 1961). Another "must read." Kuyper was a great genius: philosopher, founder of a university, newspaper editor, preacher, founder of a new denomination, devotional writer. These lectures seek to apply Calvinism to all areas of life, thus expressing the major thrust of his thought.
- Luther, Martin, *The Bondage of the Will* (Luther had great affection for this volume, but his Lutheran successors didn't follow its teaching. Shows how important the doctrine of predestination was to the early Reformation.)
- Machen, J. Gresham, *The Christian Faith in the Modern World*. --, *The Christian View of Man*. These two books are simple radio addresses expounding the basics of the Reformed faith. Vivid, compelling style. --, *Christianity and Liberalism*. Still the best book

in contrasting Reformed Christianity with its
“liberal” counterfeit.

- McKim, Donald K., ed., *Encyclopedia of the Reformed Faith* (Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992). Some contributors are liberal and/or limited inerrantist, but on the whole this is a valuable reference work.
- Murray, J., *Calvin on Scripture and the Sovereignty of God* (Baker, 1960). These articles are also found in Vol. IV of Murray’s *Collected Writings* (Banner of Truth, 1982).
- Palmer, E., *The Five Points of Calvinism* (Baker, 1972). Accurate, straightforward.
- Pinnock, C., ed., *The Grace of God and the Will of Man* (Zondervan, 1989). Essays *against* Calvinism and in favor of Arminianism.
- Schreiner, Thomas R., and Ware, Bruce A., *The Grace of God and the Bondage of the Will* (Baker, 1995). Articles on many issues in dispute between Calvinists and Arminians, taking the Calvinist side. High quality of thought and scholarship.
- Steele, D., and Thomas, C., *The Five Points of Calvinism* (P&R, 1965). Not much argument here, but good summary statements, proof texts, historical surveys, analytical bibliographies.
- Sproul, R. C., many popular books and tapes on Reformed doctrines, available through the Ligonier Valley Study Center in Orlando, Florida. Sproul is the best popular communicator of Reformed doctrine around. Ligonier also sells tapes and booklets by the late John H. Gerstner, Sproul’s mentor. These should not be missed.
- Van Til, Cornelius, *Christian Apologetics*, 1-22. Van Til’s summary of the Reformed faith.
- Warfield, B. B., *Calvin and Calvinism*.
--, *Calvin and Augustine*.

Revelation and Scripture

See also the various systematic theologies listed in the “Theology” bibliography below.

- Archer, G., *Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties* (Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 1982).
- Baillie, John, *The Idea of Revelation in Recent Thought* (NY: Columbia Univ. Press, 1956). Handy summary of the views of Barth, Brunner, Bultmann, Cullmann, Tillich, and other liberal and neo-orthodox thinkers.
- Barr, James, *Fundamentalism. Critique of evangelical views of scripture*.
- Barth, Karl, *Church Dogmatics*, I/2, 457-740. Fountainhead of neo-orthodoxy.

- Bavinck, Herman,
 --, *The Philosophy of Revelation* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1979).
- Beegle, Dewey, *Scripture, Tradition and Infallibility* (1973).
 Limited inerrancy.
- Berkhof, Louis, *Introduction to Systematic Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1979). Deals with theological method and the doctrine of revelation-Scripture.
- Berkouwer, G. C., *General Revelation* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1955).
 --, *Holy Scripture* (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 1975).
 A sophisticated statement of a limited inerrancy position.
- Bloesch, Donald, *Holy Scripture* (Downers Grove, Inter-Varsity Press, 1994). Limited inerrancy.
- Boice, James M., ed., *The Foundation of Biblical Authority* (Zondervan, 1978).
- Bruce, F. F., *The Canon of Scripture* (IVP, 1988)
- Carson, D., and Woodbridge, J., ed., *Scripture and Truth* (Zondervan, 1983).
 --, *Hermeneutics, Authority and Canon* (Zondervan, 1986, 1995);
 includes essay by Frame on the internal testimony of the Spirit.
- Clark, G., *God's Hammer* (Jefferson, Md., Trinity Publishing Co., 1982).
- Conn, Harvie, ed., *Inerrancy and Hermeneutic* (Grand Rapids, Baker, 1988). A WTS-Phila. symposium.
- Davis, S. T., *The Debate About the Bible* (Philadelphia, Westminster Press, 1977)-- limited inerrancy.
- Demarest, B., *General Revelation* (Zondervan, 1982)-- Baptist from Denver Seminary.
- Erickson, M., *The Living God* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1973). A book of readings on various theological topics including this one. Articles by Calvin, Kantzer, Ramm, Warfield represent the historic protestant position. Barth and Hordern represent neo-orthodoxy. Orr and Beegle represent limited inerrancy. Dodd represents older liberalism.
- Geisler, N., ed., *Biblical Errancy* (Zondervan, 1981). See Frame's review in *Westminster Theological Journal* XLV, 2 (Fall, 1983). The book deals with philosophers whose influence weakened confidence in biblical inerrancy.
 --, ed., *Inerrancy* (Zondervan, 1979)-- the papers of the first conference of the International Council on Biblical Inerrancy.
- Hannah, J., ed., *Inerrancy and the Church* (Chicago, Moody Press, 1984). Like the Boice and Geisler volumes, this book is a project of ICBI.
- Helm, P., *Divine Revelation: The Basic Issues* (Westchester, Ill.,

- Crossway Books, 1982). Helm is a Christian philosopher at the King's College, Univ. of London, England, former editor of *Banner of Truth*.
- , and Carl Trueman, eds, *The Trustworthiness of God: Perspectives on the Nature of Scripture* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002).
- Henry, Carl F. H., *God, Revelation and Authority*, 6 volumes (Waco, Word, 1976 to 1984). The first four volumes deal with the doctrine of revelation, the last two with the doctrine of God. This is a fine work, certainly the definitive evangelical treatment to date.
- Kaiser, Walter, *The Uses of the Old Testament in the New* (Chicago, Moody, 1985). Did the N.T. writers misuse the O.T.? Kaiser's treatment is helpful.
- Kistler, Don, ed., *Sola Scriptura: the Protestant Position on the Bible* (Morgan, PA: Soli Deo Gloria, 1995). Confessional protestants, including Robert Godfrey, R. C. Sproul, Sinclair Ferguson.
- Kline, Meredith G., *The Structure of Biblical Authority* (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 1972). The most significant re-thinking of the orthodox position since Warfield.
- Kuyper, Abraham, *Principles of Sacred Theology* (Eerdmans, 1965). Part of his *Encyclopedia*. Deals with the nature of theology and revelation. K. was a great Reformed leader of the 19th century.
- Lewis, Gordon, and Demarest, Bruce, ed., *Challenges to Inerrancy* (Chicago, Moody, 1984). Another ICBI symposium, this one on theological attacks against inerrancy.
- Lindsell, Harold, *The Battle for the Bible* (Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 1976). This states a "full inerrantist" position and attacks limited inerrancy. At points, however, it betrays a somewhat wooden hermeneutic. The limited inerrantists like to quote him as an extreme example of what they oppose.
- Marshall, I. Howard, *Biblical Inspiration* (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 1982). "Mediating" evangelical treatment.
- McKim, Donald, ed., *The Authoritative Word* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1983). Essays supporting limited inerrancy.
- Montgomery, John W., ed., *God's Inerrant Word* (Bethany, 1975). Contains a number of useful articles by Packer, Montgomery, Pinnock, Peter Jones, R. C. Sproul, John Gerstner, and John Frame.
- Morris, Leon, *I Believe in Revelation* (Eerdmans, 1976).
- Murray, John, *Calvin on Scripture and Divine Sovereignty* (Grand Rapids, Baker, 1960).
- Nash, Ronald, *The Word of God and the Mind of Man* (Zondervan, 1982).

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- Nicole, R., and Michaels, J. R., ed., *Inerrancy and Common Sense* (Grand Rapids, Baker, 1980).
- Orr, James, *Revelation and Inspiration* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1969, originally published in 1910.) Fountainhead of limited inerrancy views.
- Packer, J. I., *Beyond the Battle for the Bible* (Westchester, Ill., Cornerstone Books, 1980).
- , *Fundamentalism and the Word of God* (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 1958). A classic exposition of the historic protestant view.
- Pinnock, C., *The Scripture Principle* (N. Y., Harper, 1984).
- Polman, A., *Barth (Presbyterian and Reformed)*, 16-30. Pretty good summary and critique of Barth's view.
- Radmacher, E., ed., *Can We Trust the Bible?* (Wheaton, Tyndale, 1979). Interesting articles by Packer, Clowney, Sproul and others.
- , and Preus, R., eds., *Hermeneutics, Inerrancy and the Bible* (Zondervan, 1984). Papers of the second ICBI conference, on hermeneutics.
- Ridderbos, H. N., *The Authority of the New Testament Scriptures* (Phila., Presbyterian and Reformed, 1963). Good historical and biblico-theological treatment of canonicity.
- , *Studies in Scripture and its Authority* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1978). Generally supporting a limited inerrancy position.
- Rogers, Jack, ed., *Biblical Authority* (Waco: Word Books, 1977). Articles defending limited inerrancy.
- Rogers, J., and McKim, D., *The Authority and Interpretation of the Bible* (N.Y., Harper, 1979)-- the definitive statement of a "limited inerrancy" position.
- Runia, Klaas, *Karl Barth's Doctrine of Holy Scripture*.
- Rushdoony, R. J., *Infallibility: An Inescapable Concept* (Vallecito, Calif., Ross House Books, 1978).
- Sproul, R. C., *Explaining Inerrancy: a Commentary* (Oakland, Calif., ICBI, 1980). Commentary on the ICBI statement on inerrancy.
- Stonehouse, Ned, and Woolley, Paul, ed., *The Infallible Word* (Phila: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1946). Collection of essays on Biblical inspiration and authority by the faculty of WTS/Phila. The contributions of Murray and Van Til are especially notable.
- Trembath, Kern R., *Evangelical Theories of Biblical Inspiration* (NY: Oxford Univ. Press, 1987). Surveys various views. Favors Thomistic alternative.

- Turretin, F., *The Doctrine of Scripture* (Grand Rapids, Baker, 1981)-- part of Turretin's Institutes dealing with Scripture. Of course, the whole of the Institutes is also available now; see below under Systematic Theology and Theological Method.
- Vander Stelt, J., *Philosophy and Scripture* (Marlton, N.J., Mack Publishing Co., 1978). Accuses old Princeton and Westminster (especially Van Til) of holding a rationalistic view of Scripture. I don't find it at all plausible.
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Systematic Theology and Theological Method

In this bibliography, I have included both complete systems of theology and writings about theology and theological method. You will find that many of the systematic theologies begin with discussions of theology and theological method. They are, of course, also important for our study of the Doctrine of God.

- Barth, Karl, *Church Dogmatics* (Macmillan). The fountainhead of neo-orthodoxy. Probably the most influential theology of the 20th century. See especially I/1, 1-25, II/1, 1ff. on the nature and method of theology.
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 --, *Systematic Theology* (Banner of Truth). Standard one-volume Reformed work. Good summary, based primarily

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- Buswell, James O., *Systematic Theology* (Zondervan). Buswell was a professing Calvinist, though I believe he occasionally veered in an Arminian direction. Premillennial.
- Calvin, John, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Wonderful book. Scriptural, devotional, powerful, practical. The seed-bed of all Reformed theology. Drink deep of it.
- Chafer, Lewis Sperry, *Systematic Theology* (Dallas Theological Seminary Press). This seven volume work is the standard statement of "original dispensationalism."
- Conn, Harvie, *Contemporary World Theology* (Phila.: P&R, 1973). A handy guidebook concerning some major theological schools of thought.
- , *Eternal Word and Changing Worlds* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1984). Concerned with "contextualization:" the process of translating scripture into the thought-forms of various cultures.
- Davis, John Jefferson, *Foundations of Evangelical Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1984).
- Dooyeweerd, H., In the *Twilight of Western Thought*, 113-172. Dutch philosopher's critique of the method of classical Reformed theology. Somewhat confused in my opinion.
- Elwell, Walter, ed., *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology* (Baker, 1984). Some useful articles here.
- Erickson, Millard, *Christian Theology* (Baker). Middle of the road evangelicalism. Amyraldian.
- , ed. *The Living God* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1975). See significant articles here on the nature and method of theology, particularly those by Hodge (Reformed), Mullins (Baptist emphasizing experience), De Wolf (liberal), Hordern (neo-orthodox), Van Til (Reformed), Tillich (radical liberal), Bultmann (radical liberal), and Gill (language analyst).
- Ferguson, Sinclair, and Wright, David F., ed., *New Dictionary of Theology* (Downers Grove: IVP, 1988).
- Frame, John, *Cornelius Van Til: An Analysis of His Thought* (Phillipsburg: P&R, 1995). Chapters 4-14 deal in various ways with Van Til's concept of theology.
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- Gaffin, R., "Contemporary Hermeneutics, *WTJ* 31:2 (May, 1969), 129-144.
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- by, and reflect the structure of, biblical theology.
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- Grenz, Stanley, *Theology for the Community of God* (Nashville:
 Broadman and Holman, 1994). A big, fat book. Generally
 evangelical, but I confess I don't find it very
 interesting.
- Grudem, Wayne, *Systematic Theology* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan,
 1994). Excellent in many ways; incorporates some of
 Frame's lecture material from Grudem's years as F's
 student. Reformed, but defends continuing charismatic
 gifts.
- Hodge, Charles, *Systematic Theology* (Eerdmans). A three-volume
 work representing Old Princeton Presbyterian theology
 circa 1870. Still a standard work of Reformed theology.
- Hoeksema, Herman, *Reformed Dogmatics* (Reformed Free Publishing
 Assn.) Often called a "hyper-Calvinist," Hoeksema
 denied the doctrine of common grace and left the
 Christian Reformed Church to form the Protestant Reformed
 Church. A very brilliant thinker.
- Holmer, Paul, *The Grammar of Faith* (Harper, 1978).
 Wittgensteinian account of the nature of theology.
 See Frame's review in WTJ 42:1 (Fall, 1979), 219-231.
- Horton, Michael S., *Covenant and Eschatology* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002).
 Horton and I have some major differences, but I must admit that he has read a great many
 historic and contemporary theologians and has illuminated their contributions. The book is,
 however, essentially a "triangulation" (in terms of my "Traditionalism" paper).
- Jewett, Paul K., *God, Creation, and Revelation: a Neo-
 Evangelical Theology* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1991).
 "Neo-evangelical" these days tends to mean limited
 inerrancy and feminism, both of which Jewett endorses.
- Kelsey, David, *The Uses of Scripture in Recent Theology*. See
 also Frame's review in WTJ 39:2 (Spring, 1977): 328-353.
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 to Bultmann; shows that they mean very different things
 when they claim to do theology "in accord with
 Scripture."
- Kuyper, Abraham, *Principles of Sacred Theology* (Eerdmans, 1965).
 Part of his Encyclopedia. Deals with the nature of
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6. <http://www.iclnet.org/>: Internet Christian Library. Includes various theological sources, including patristic texts.
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10. <http://members.aol.com/mariostz/christian/index.html>: "Abate Not," listing of Reformed resources on the web.
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12. <http://triablogue.blogspot.com/>: Triablogue, with interesting recent pieces by Frame student Steve Hays and some other sharp thinkers. Essays and debates with non-Christians, Arminians, Roman Catholics, et al.
13. <http://www.tulip.org/>: Lots of Reformed resources, from a PCA church. A subsite, <http://www.tulip.org/refcon/>, will let you download all the major Reformed Confessions for free.
14. <http://www.wts.edu/resources/>: From Westminster Seminary, a very comprehensive catalogue of theological resources on the web. Do browse this one!
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