

# A Handbook of Contemporary Theology

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*A Handbook of Contemporary Theology*, By Bernard Ramm, Published by William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dr. Ramm is a Professor of Systematic Theology and Christian Apologetics at California Baptist Theological Seminary. He has studied abroad at the University of Basel, Switzerland, under Karl Barth.

In the preface of his book Dr. Ramm states the purpose of this Handbook:

*The purpose of this handbook is to provide the minister with a ready guide to leading concepts of the major contemporary thinkers in theology. The center of attention is focused upon Kierkegaard, Barth, Brunner, Reinhold Niebuhr, Tillich and Bultmann. Although Kierkegaard lived in the nineteenth century, his thought did not catch fire until the twentieth.*

As a Reformed and biblically oriented Christian reads the various entries in this book, he will realize most clearly that the so-called great theologians in our century have perverted, corrupted, and blasphemed the truth of the Word of God. It is stated very clearly from representative works of these neo-orthodox theologians that Genesis 1-3 is a myth, a saga, or a legend (take your pick; it has no bearing on modern man anyway, they contend). The cardinal truths of inspiration, infallibility, election, and reprobation are drained of their Reformed contents and are left empty of meaning. These entries are not vague and general but are filled almost entirely with quotations from the most representative works of the modern theologians.

Although this book would be extremely valuable for a minister, it can easily be used by high school and college students, especially those studying philosophy, history, and literature. Read and use this book with discretion, young people, and learn how far the theology of the modern era has departed from the truth of God.

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