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Twentieth Century Religious Thought Volume I: Christianity

Scope

Twentieth Century Religious Thought is a multivolume, cross-searchable online collection that brings together the seminal works and archival materials related to key worldwide religious thinkers from the early 1900s until the turn of the 21st century.

Volume I features scholarship from influential theologians in the Christian tradition, including extensive representation of feminist theologians and other previously marginalized and lesser-known voices. Created with scholars in mind, the collection couples the original materials with complementary resources, including meaningful interfaith writings.

With 150,000 pages of scholarship in one convenient online database, this resource gives students and scholars unprecedented access to the diverse ideas that have shaped understandings of Christianity across history. For the first time, researchers can search across hundreds of fully-digitized documents to instantly compare how different theories, denominations, and cultural groups have intersected, differed, and influenced one another.

Content

Volume I shares the voices of more than 30 theologians from Europe, North America, and Latin America. Featured materials include:

- The writings of **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, leading figure in the Protestant fight against Naziism, whose works are available for the first time together in both English and German
- Nearly the complete works of Hans Urs Von Baltasar, including the series Theo-Drama, Theo-Logic, and Glory of the Lord: A Theological Aesthetics
- Personal papers of **Reinhold Niebuhr**, which are available online nowhere else
- Texts penned by **Pope Benedict XVI** (Joseph Ratzinger), including *Church, Ecumenism and Politics: New Endeavors in Ecclesiology*, and *Truth and Tolerance: Christian Belief and World Religion*
- The writings of **Rosemary Radford Ruether**, noted American feminist theologian, author of *Women and Redemption: A Theological History*
- Works from James Hal Cone, including A Black Theology of Liberation and God of the Oppressed
- Writings of Peruvian theologian **Gustavo Gutierrez**, considered the father of liberation theology

Central topics in *Volume I* include Protestantism, Catholicism, Evangelicalism, Lutheranism, liberation theology, systematic theology, dialectical theology, and theocentric theology. In addition to English language texts and translations, the collection will also grow to include works in writers' native languages (i.e., French, Spanish, and German).

Tools for Learning and Scholarship

The functionality behind *Twentieth Century Religious Thought* makes it easy for students and scholars of religion, theology, social thought, and history to locate the most relevant materials. With unprecedented ease and clarity, users can contrast texts, discover rare works, and explore new avenues of inquiry. No other resource makes it so easy for researchers to examine the impact of World War II on various schools of Christian thought, isolate all usages of the phrase "cheap grace" across dozens of texts, or delve into varied perspectives on the Second Vatican Council.

Twentieth Century Religious Thought helps students and scholars synthesize multiple perspectives by letting users:

- Browse by type of theology, subject, author, religion, work, person discussed, and more.
- Experience the conversations within and between schools of thought in a transnational perspective.
- Explore rare, international, in-copyright materials and personal papers not otherwise accessible.
- Compare select documents in their native languages and in English translations.
- Use archival materials to critically examine key writings in context.
- Examine the nuances of individual religious practice.
- Trace how belief systems grew and diversified as a result of the Great Depression, World War I and II, globalization, scientific discovery, and other major events.



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