



Bibliographies for Theology

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1. REFORMATION HISTORY: SURVEYS & INTRODUCTIONS

The literature on the Reformation can be overwhelming to the newcomer. Perhaps only the French Revolution and the American Civil War have received so much and such careful attention. Few historical periods can boast of such a large number of high-quality surveys as those published by Reformation scholars. And in few areas of historical scholarship are sectarian biases more evident. This is especially true of works written before the Second Vatican. Studies after 1965 tend to be more balanced, but confessional concerns do continue to bias things, often in subtle ways.

Euan Cameron, *The European Reformation* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1991). Cameron presents the Reformation in a fresh original way: not as a sequence of short biographies of leading reformers, but as a unified historical movement. He sees the Reformation as a temporary coalition of reform-minded churchmen with one another and with potent political forces. He is attuned not only to Reformation theology—both its sophisticated and its popular varieties—but also to the series of coincidences and subtle mis-hearings that led people to join forces in common cause. More a synthesis than a place to get the facts—but the synthesis is superb.

Carter Lindberg, *The European Reformations*, 2nd ed. (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009). Note the title: Lindberg's accent is on the pluralism of the Reformation—that it is crucial to appreciate the diversity and localism of individual reformers and reform movements. This has become perhaps the most widely used textbook for courses on the Reformation—and for good reason.

Diarmaid MacCulloch, *The Reformation: A History* (New York: Viking Press, 2004). MacCulloch, best known for his monumental study of the English reformer Thomas Cranmer, attempts here a new comprehensive synthesis focusing less on the colorful personalities and more on the wider culture, politics and broad movements.

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2. REFORMATION THEOLOGY: SURVEYS & INTRODUCTIONS

- Alister E. McGrath, *Reformation Thought: An Introduction*, 4th edition (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012). McGrath surveys Reformation views on justification, predestination, scripture, sacraments, church. In other words, the focus is not on individuals but on theological themes. He prefaces this analysis with a sizable and excellent study of the roots of the Reformation. Simple, clear.
- Carter Lindberg, *The Reformation Theologians: An Introduction to the Theology of the Early Modern Period*, The Great Theologians (Oxford: Blackwell, 2002). An excellent collection of brief essays surveying the key Reformation theologians and Reformation theologies. This is a good complement to McGrath's study since it focuses more on individuals than themes.
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- Wilhelm Pauck, ed., *Luther: Lectures on Romans*
- Wilhelm Pauck, ed., *Melanchthon and Bucer*
- E. Gordon Rupp & Philip S. Watson, ed., *Luther and Erasmus: Free Will and Salvation*
- George H. Williams & Angel M. Mergal, ed., *Spiritual and Anabaptist Writers*