

STEPS IN THE TRANSMISSION OF GOD'S WORD

Theological Movement	Theological/Culture Relationship	Source of Theology	God/World Relationship	View of Revelation	View of Scripture
Liberal Theology	Theology is radically qualified by modern philosophy and science	Religious Experience	God is Immanent, in the world and in man	Non-objective, non-rational, non-propositional; found in man and especially in Jesus' life and its meaning for faith	A record of religious experiences, and especially those of the man Jesus. Includes some important historical information
Neo-Orthodox Theology	Theology is radically qualified by modern philosophy and science	Religious Experience	God is transcendent, totally other, above history in a supra-historical realm; He occasionally breaks into history.	Non-objective, non-rational, non-propositional; experienced only in Jesus in the present encounter of faith	A witness to Revelation (Christ). The word of man about the Word of God. Can provide the occasion for the encounter of faith, but not the truth-content of faith.
Existential Theology	Theology is radically qualified by modern philosophy and science	Religious Experience	God is wholly transcendent, in an other-worldly sphere. He does not "break into" history of intervene in time-space	Revelation is kerygmatic. God's decisive act in Christ makes possible the transformation, through faith, of the believer's understanding of his own existence	A record of human attempts to achieve authentic existence, couched in an obsolete, mythical world-view, Contains the mythologized Kerygma
Death-of-God Theology	Theology is radically qualified by modern philosophy and science	Religious Experience	"God" is dead; only the man Jesus remains	There is no revelation, either in rational or experiential form	A record of imperfect, pre-scientific Impressions of Jesus' person and life
Process Theology	Theology is radically qualified by modern philosophy and science	Religious Experience	God is immanent, in the universal evolutionary process; yet in a sense He is transcendent	In general, revelation is found in the time-space universe, but especially in the man Jesus as the classic example of love-in-action and the realization of human potential	A record of religious experiences, especially those of the man Jesus