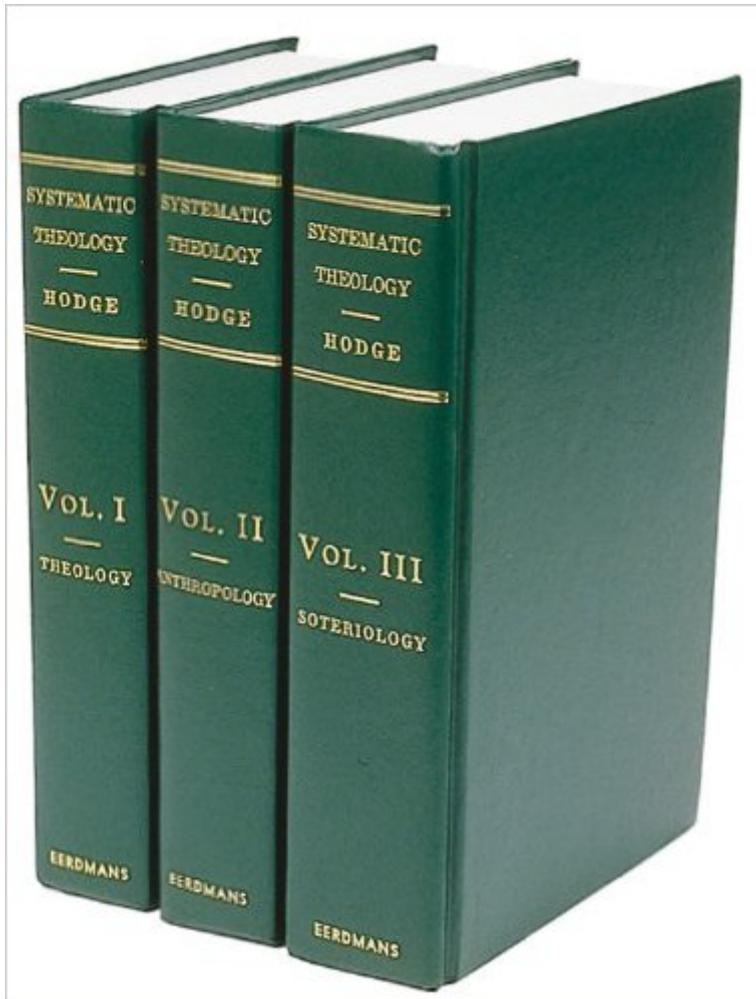


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## Synopsis

The magnum opus of one of America's most prominent theologians offers an in-depth exploration of theology, anthropology, soteriology, and eschatology. This monumental work, now a standard for theological students, was written while Hodge served as a professor at Princeton, where he permanently influenced American Christianity as a teacher, preacher, and exegete. Includes a comprehensive index.

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## Customer Reviews

Anyone wanting to read Hodge, should go with the three volume edition. Yes, there is far too much interaction with the pseudo-science of the day, but this "abridgement" lays waste to whole areas of interest to anyone who would want to read Hodge in the first place. It's interesting that one of the areas where the cutting is most obvious is in the area where the "editor" disagrees with Hodge the most, that is the locus of "eschatology". The editor is a Premillennialist and Hodge, like all Princetonians was a clear Postmillennialist. If you want to read Hodge without the excess verbiage, buy A.A Hodge's "Outlines of Theology", which is based on the very same lectures that Charles Hodge published as his Systematics. It's simpler, yet doesn't alter the truth the way this chopped-up mess does. This abridgement is a master maligned.

The original Hodge's theology was three large volumes, with frequent pages cited in Latin, German, Greek, and occasional other languages. But, it was the best of American Reformed theology from

the turn of the century. Edward Gross has condensed and revised this work, and made it readable (all in English). I recommend this book for any Christian interested in the deeper side of the faith, and advise also reading Basic Theology by Charles Ryrie as a balancing view.

Note that the long latin quotations in the original book have simply been deleted, not translated. Still worthwhile even if many sections go over the head of the average reader--many other sections are accessible and made me exclaim "he is the Reformed C. S. Lewis".

Hodge does a great job, I recommend this set of books to everyone looking to study Theology, I don't think you will find anyone better. He is easy to understand and true to the scriptures. get this set you will not be disappointed.

Just got this and was hard to put down. Just some really rich reformed theology. Hodge writes very clearly, even by todays modern language. I will say that the main listing shows a 1981 printing. I received a 2016 printing by Hendrickson; Green, hardbound and printed in USA. This is a review of the 3 volume Set and in this 2016 edition. Also, the Latin that Hodge used has been retained, but no translation. Highly recommend.

My first encounter with Charles Hodge's "Systematic Theology" was more than 30 years ago while preparing for my licensing exams in the Reformed Church in the United States. The three volumes of this systematic theology continue to have a prominent place on my bookshelf. Hodge's discussion of the attributes of God is one of the best around, as is his analysis of the nature of the atonement. More than a summary of Christian doctrine, Hodge's work contains references to and descriptions of many different views that have been held in the history of Christian thought. Moreover, his interaction with the Bible is far more than proof-texting. Instead, he shows in detail how these passage bear on the topic under consideration. All in all, this is one of the best Reformed systematic theologies available today.

This is the most extensive theology from the REFORMED tradition in fairly recent times. Written by Charles Hodge, a professor at Princeton in the early 1900's, it is a scholarly presentation of the historic Christian faith. If you are looking for a deep analysis of doctrine, with consideration of the alternatives (Catholic, Orthodox, and Liberal) this is the book. Written at a Graduate level, I do not recommend it before studying college level theology. At least read Ryrie's "Basic Theology" (ISBN

089693814X) first. But for a really comprehensive study, this is the book.

Charles Hodge has the rare ability of saying complicated things in simple and direct ways. There is a clarity and even simplicity to these (long) systematics that is refreshing. Hodge interacts well with competing views, and his argumentation is always thoroughly Scriptural. He and I would disagree at points, but I wouldn't dare take him on in debate. Excellent resource!

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