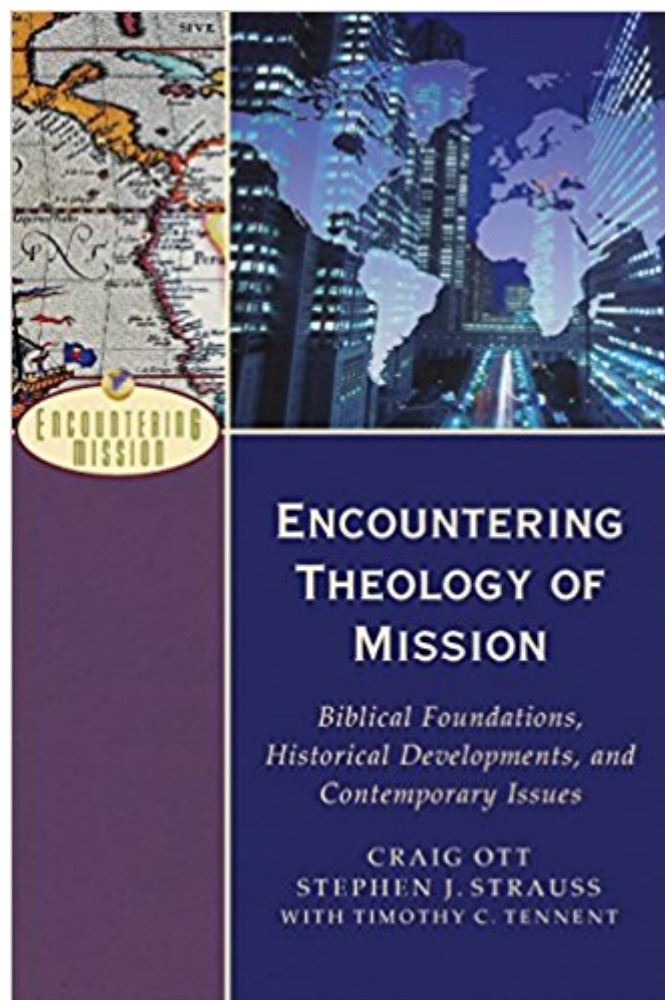




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# Encountering Theology Of Mission: Biblical Foundations, Historical Developments, And Contemporary Issues (Encountering Mission)



## Synopsis

This fresh, comprehensive text fills a need for an up to date theology of mission. It offers creative approaches to answering some of the most pressing questions in theology of mission and missionary practice today. The authors, who are leading mission experts, discuss biblical theology of mission, provide historical overviews of the development of various viewpoints, and address theologically current issues in global mission from an evangelical perspective. This readable yet thorough text integrates current views of the kingdom of God and holistic mission with traditional views of evangelism and church planting. It also brings theology of mission into conversation with ecclesiology and eschatology. Topics covered include contextualization, the missionary vocation, church and mission, and theology of religions. Sidebars and case studies enable readers to see how theology of mission touches real life mission practice.

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**Theology of Mission Meets Missionary Practice** The theology of Christian mission has undergone dramatic shifts throughout the history of the church, particularly in the twentieth century.

Encountering Theology of Mission provides biblical clarity and global awareness regarding the mission of the church in the twenty-first century. Leading mission experts discuss biblical theology of mission, provide historical overviews of the development of various viewpoints, and address current theological issues in global mission from an evangelical perspective. They offer creative approaches

to answering some of the most pressing questions in theology of mission and missionary practice today."Good maps can be hard to find. Thankfully Craig Ott, Stephen Strauss, and Timothy Tennent have drawn up a comprehensive yet easy-to-navigate guide to the complex terrain of theologizing about Christian mission. It is hard to imagine a more careful presentation of this vast subject."--J. Nelson Jennings, mission pastor and consultant, Onnuri Community Church, Seoul, South Korea"Deep gratitude to our three writers for a rich and textured work! It is rooted in Scripture, history, and context; it is challenging yet very readable; it is antiphonal--moving from theology and theory to the highly practical and engaging--with some excellent sidebars and case studies. Although the book will be seen as a text by some, I would highly recommend this book to my global colleagues, the reflective practitioners of mission today."--William D. Taylor, global ambassador, World Evangelical Alliance"This globalized world needs a relevant theology of mission that articulates a cogent 'biblical direction for the church's fulfillment of its missionary mandate.' This excellent book moves us from a paternalistic mind-set to a fraternal one that seeks to proclaim Christ from everywhere to everywhere. I would strongly commend this book not only to professors and students in seminaries but also to practitioners and missions committees in local churches."--Junias Venugopal, provost and dean of education, Moody Bible Institute

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Encountering Theology of Mission is a tremendously impressive, Biblically-grounded theology of mission. The authors lay out a Biblical foundation for a theology of mission that is both robust and compelling. What is impressive about this work is its strong Biblical foundation, fair treatment of differing perspectives, clear organization and winsome style, and compelling and persuasive positions. The 10-page list of Biblical references in the back of the book shows the profound engagement with the Scriptures throughout the work. Rather than cherry-picking favorite verses and linking all conclusions back to them to support their points, the authors give a well-rounded view of

the Bible's full counsel on mission. Likewise, the work treats the various theories of noted theologians without condescension but also without the need to come to the same conclusion. The book is clearly organized, starting with the *sitz im leben* of mission in the 21st century, building the Biblical foundation from Old and New Testaments, and then embarking on a full theology of mission that incorporates its purpose and nature, task, motivation, and spiritual dynamics, before proceeding to issues of contextualization, encounters with other religions, and thorny questions related to missions. Case studies (or "sidebars") are introduced at relevant points to make the material applicable to real-life circumstances. Ultimately what is produced is a very comprehensive and rich undergirding for the work of Biblical mission.

Loving God and understanding missions will propel you to fulfilling His will. Great book for understanding missions and the God of missions in a contemporary context.

Excellent text. Used it in Theology Class in the Seminary I attend as one of our prime texts for the course. It is graduate level work and does a very good job of meeting both the graduate level and educating about the Theology in missions and the workings of the mission work. It covers many aspects and theological necessities of Missionology.

This book deals with a variety of issues of mission theologies and mission activities from the evangelical perspective. I really recommend this book for those who study an intercultural studies at seminaries and missionaries who are actively working in mission fields.

This is a positive and upbeat take on missions. It is biblically sound, and it doesn't try to brow beat you into doing something. I have enjoyed reading this very much.

This is the first book I read in the Encountering Mission series. It was so thorough, detailed and useful that I have already purchased two more. I can easily see using it in missions-related courses, missions training or simply encouraging missionaries and those who love them in their work.

The binding broke after just a couple weeks of reading it. Very disappointed in the quality of the binding.

An excellent book on missions. Gives the local and global aspects and more. Bernice

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