



The Disruption of Evangelicalism: The Age of Torrey, Mott, McPherson and Hammond

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The Deepening of Evangelical Diversity in an Era of Turmoil

The Disruption of Evangelicalism is the first comprehensive account of the evangelical tradition across the English-speaking world from the 1900s to the 1940s. It reveals the deepening of evangelical diversity during a period of great turbulence in world history. And, as events unfold, it reveals how the spectrum of evangelicalism fragmented into varied and often competing strands.

In the book, Geoffrey R. Treloar divides the era into two phases – before 1914 and after 1918. This approach traces the impact of the Great War of 1914–1918 on evangelicals’ renegotiation of their identity in the modern world. Treloar accents his account with the careers of selected key figures to illustrate the very different responses of evangelicals to the demands of a critical and transitional period. He also offers a multinational perspective with details and fascinating interpretations.

Although evangelicalism in the twentieth century is often viewed negatively as a time of decline and failure, Treloar takes a different approach. “Against the prevailing pattern of interpretation, this account proffers a more positive assessment of the early twentieth century evangelical experience by recognizing the achievement of the evangelicals of a troubled era in the light of the enormous world events and changing social structures with which they had to contend,” Treloar writes.

As a result, Treloar’s research offers fresh perspectives on conversionism and the life of faith, biblical and theological approaches, social engagement, and mission.

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