Christianity Is Not Only a Global, but an Intercultural Phenomenon

Missiologist and scholar of religion Henning Wrogemann’s three-volume *Intercultural Theology* is the most comprehensive textbook on the subject of Christianity and culture available today. Bringing together missiology, religious studies, social science research, and Christian theology, the field of intercultural theology is a fresh attempt to rethink the discipline of theology in light of the diversity and pluriformity of Christianity today.

Translated into English for the first time, this second volume of Wrogemann’s three-volume work turns to theologies of mission. Mission theologies, he argues, are found in a wide range of implicit as well as explicit forms, from the practice of Christian presence by a Pakistani Christian among a marginalized people, to the published deliberations of mission scholars in the West.

From Warneck to Bosch, from Edinburgh to Lausanne to Busan, Wrogemann provides an overview of the theological underpinnings, rationalizations, and visions for mission and its practice. Tracing developments across a range of Christian traditions, movements, themes, and regions of the globe, from Europe and North America to sub-Saharan Africa, Wrogemann presents us with an array of mission theologies across the scope of the modern missionary movement. This rich conspectus is rounded out with the doxological dimension of mission and the varied facets of oikoumenism.

Wrogemann reflects on the global scope of missions in *Theologies of Mission*:

> In my view, the topic of mission is more pressing today than ever before. On the one hand, Christians in various European contexts are evidently extremely uncertain about the task of Christian mission. This uncertainty is widespread, running the gamut from local congregations to church leadership. At the same time, we find extremely vigorous missionary movements all over the globe, yet the challenges they face vary tremendously from one context to the other. . . . This book strives to meet the need for expanding the horizon to take into account the many globally diverse contexts and Christian missions. It is intended both to provide a critical overview and to encourage and affirm Christians as they witness to their faith in a pluralistic and globalized world.

Masterful in its scope and detail, this volume will richly inform the study of missiology and global Christianity and is essential reading for doing theology in a multicultural context. In a day when the church in the West struggles to understand and appreciate its missionary legacy and calling, Wrogemann’s work sparkles with its deeply informed insights and inspiring vision.

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