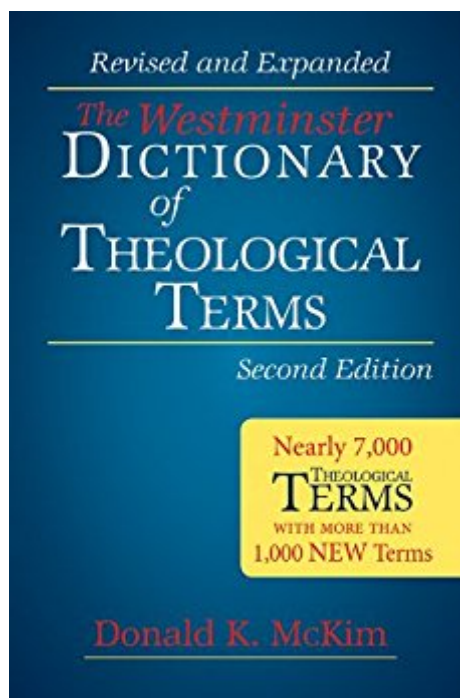




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Customer Reviews

Excellent resource. Word definitions are easy to comprehend, making this dictionary the perfect gift for someone who was fairly new to Biblical terminology. My gift recipient would be an older gentleman, so I was pleased to find that the page layout includes enough white space so as to be easy on the eyes, and the print is large enough to be easy to read. Not the cheapest Bible Dictionary on the market, but when considering the look, size, feel, and inclusiveness of The Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms, the higher cost is understandable.

This is a slim volume but it is unexpectedly thorough for Christian readers whose theological study is grounded in the Reformed tradition. It's been a terribly handy resource for me to get a handle on commonly thrown about theological terms as well as references to sects and heresies for which one not only ought to be watchful but ought to be able to give a name to. On reading an article by a leading Reformed theologian (Dr. Michael Horton), for example, I encountered this paragraph: "Like Luther, Calvin challenged the identification of the Good News as 'a new law' and Christ as a new Moses. However, he introduced (with Melancthon's help) some critical nuances. While Luther disagreed sharply with Aquinas' characterization of the gospel as a 'new law,' he often perpetuates the tendency to treat law and gospel as equivalent to Old and New Testaments. The Anabaptists pushed this further toward a Marcionite antithesis. In Calvin's treatment, there is much greater nuance." I looked up: Melancthon, Anabaptists, Marcionite. Here's the entry for "Marcionism/Marcionites": "The teachings of Marcion (d. c. 160), which featured a sharp distinction between the 'God of wrath' of the Old Testament and the 'God of love' of the New Testament and the view that Christ never became flesh. In Marcionism, Christianity replaces Judaism. Its canon was Luke's Gospel and ten Pauline letters." The dictionary gave me just enough of an explanation to make heads or tails of the use of other such terms as well. I heartily recommend it for those who desire more than a passing knowledge of theology and less than a doctoral degree in divinity.

Excellent resource. I first bought the Kindle version of the book, but had a difficult time searching for what I needed. Kindle indexing just isn't up to snuff yet. That's why I docked the book a star. I found the text so useful that I bought the hard copy version.

This book is in the reference section of my personal library. I have given multiple copies of this book

to my students. This book is a classic that I rely on!

I purchased this book when I began seminary. It is a must for any seminary student and I highly recommend it to anyone interested in the vast and complex language that is theology. I turn to it again and again in research and study and am never disappointed. The brief definitions are adequate and clear and I appreciate the references made to other theological terms.

The search grid is very helpful and the location finder operates in favor of the User.

Imagine if you were a Soldier and you recently been issued a new rifle that not only you can fire semi-automatically (one round fired with every pull of the trigger) but also in "burst mode" (2-3 rounds fired automatically) and full auto mode (firing every round as long as you pull and hold the trigger). With this new rifle you have greater confidence that you'll survive on the battlefield. When the time came and the enemy attacks in every direction you first fired in semi' and then in burst mode - click - only one round discharged, Maybe the primer is weak. You immediately chamber another round - BANG-click! Maybe the armorer forgot to clean it? However this rifle is supposed to be just as reliable as the AK-47! In your frustration you switched back to "Safety", duck your head under cover, and opened the gun... it's clean.... so clean that the only thing in it is a lubricant on every working necessary part. You resigned to only fire semi-automatically but you discovered to your horror you could only fire a single round and then manually charge the handle to extract spent casing and load another cartridge in. In the modern battlefield where every warrior is equipped with rapid-fire weapon systems, you have been reduced to operating it as a WWII Bolt Action rifle! While of course my grief over that E-Book is not remotely close to a life or death struggle but the problem is that while the book have all the information I need "and then some", searching for any word at all becomes a laborious affair as the result of my typed in search gives me an entire list of where that particular word is used instead of putting the word and it's definition first. For example when I typed the word "Communion" with a capital "C" the result of gives me 108 selection which I must look closely at each one (to give it credit adding capitals makes it easier) and when I typed "Trinity" it gives me 208 selections! Some word are very easy to find as "Sola Fide" resulted in only two as the words were not in English (5 listed in English). Still with any other word, especially simple and more common words makes searching for each a student's nightmare. I typed in "Angel" and do you know what it gave me? 692 uses of (50 pages of it depending on your Zoom preference)! And finally the worst ... 2,366 for the word "God". And the capitalization have made no difference! Whoever

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