

RELATION OF THEOLOGICAL TRADITIONS TO THE SACRED WRITING

Hermeneutics of Trust

	Fundamentalist	Evangelical	Scholastic	Neo-Orthodox	Liberal
SCRIPTURE AS	Proposition	Message	Doctrine	Witness	Experience
REVELATION	God's rational communication in conceptual-verbal form	The self-communication of God regarding the message of salvation	Revelation's two sources: Reason and Scripture both are necessary for reliable knowledge of God	Christ: the one Word of God-who meets us in a threefold way, i.e., revealed, written, proclaimed	The Event in which God Speaks God's Word
SUMMARY	A God-breathed Bible must be a <i>true</i> Bible	When God speaks, human voices ring in our ears, thus the errors of unrelated matters	Believe the doctrine of the doctrine of Scripture	The Bible is no paper Pope: it becomes God's Word only to the extent God speaks through it	Abiding Experiences Changing Categories
SLOGAN	<u>TRUST</u> IT ALL	<u>TRUST</u> THE MESSAGE	<u>TRUST</u> THE TEACHINGS	<u>TRUST</u> THE WITNESS	<u>TRUST</u> THE EXPERIENCE

Hermeneutics of Suspicion

	Process	Liberation	Black	Feminist	Radical
SCRIPTURE AS	Unfolding Action	Foundation for Freedom	Liberation for the Oppressed	The Mother of Models	Document in the Dialectic of History
REVELATION	Encountering the continual evolution of God and God's relationship with the world	The critical reflection on praxis that exposes God's liberation work actualizing in history	The event of black liberation in history that uncovers Christ in the midst of the despised race	The feminist critical consciousness that liberates the Bible from Patriarchal captivity	The coincidence of event and appreciation
SUMMARY	The story of the Bible is continued in our own stories: it introduces us to religion in the making	The God of the Bible who sides with the poor should disturb those who aspire to be among the nonpoor	The Bible in Black consciousness achieved status as 'Scripture' in the heat of a liberation struggle	Authority and interpretation of the Bible are inseparably bound up together	The Bible documents a dialectical consciousness of history (disenchants nature, desacralizes politics, deconsecrates values)
SLOGAN	<u>SUSPECT</u> THERE'S MORE AT WORK	<u>SUSPECT</u> UNJUST POWER RELATIONS	<u>SUSPECT</u> A BLACK MESSIAH	<u>SUSPECT</u> MALE CORRUPTION	<u>SUSPECT</u> NOTHING MORE THAN HUMAN