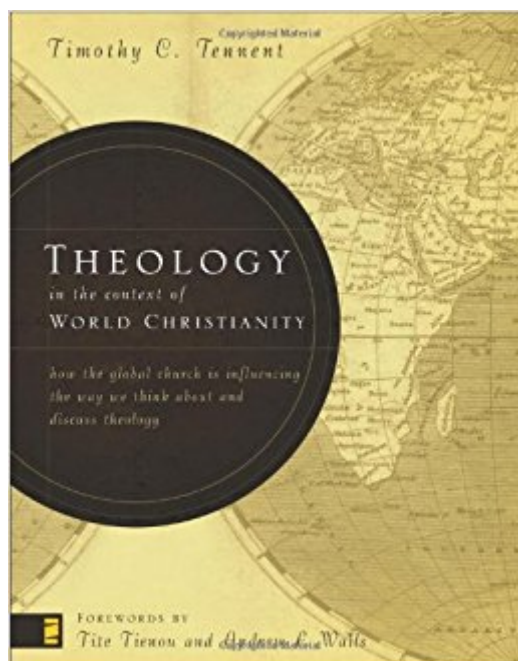




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# Theology In The Context Of World Christianity: How The Global Church Is Influencing The Way We Think About And Discuss Theology



## Synopsis

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Timothy C. Tennent (PhD, University of Edinburgh, Scotland) is President, Professor of World Christianity at Asbury Theological Seminary. He is the author of *Building Christianity on Indian Foundations* and *Christianity at the Religious Roundtable*. Dr. Tennent and wife, Julie, reside in Wilmore, Kentucky, with their two children, Jonathan and Bethany.

If you're tired of hearing about the church in the west that is dying, this book will introduce you to several of the theological underpinnings of the churches around the world that are thriving. Dr. Tennent has done a masterful job of reintroducing the theological underpinnings of our faith through the eyes of people groups and cultures who have had to ask the hardest of questions to each. While this book will require a second or third cup of coffee, if your heart cries out the good news of Jesus Christ, you will be drawn forward by each chapter.

This volume has transformed my way of thinking about the Global church, particularly in recognizing that Christianity is no longer a western belief but it is a faith that is best practiced in the South East. Tennent challenges our western worldview on how we have compartmentalized theology into different spheres. A must-read for any seminary student or laymen and should not be exclusive to those studying intercultural studies or missions work. The words in this book are crucial for anyone intending to work or serve in a post-Christendom and international context.

Overall Tennent is a forerunner in practical theology. I am studying to be a missionary and this is one of the best text books in my Masters of Arts program.

Opened my eyes to the reality of a Global Theology. I had been blinded by a western theology devoid of any global influence.

Tennant's book is an excellent read. I am not a theologian and this book is readable and understandable, while delving deeply into significant missions and theology issues. The author

obviously diligently strives to be gracious, even-handed and Biblically sound.

This was a great look into theology from across the globe. It challenges us western theologians to understand the Bible in the context of other cultures. Great and easy read.

At a time when Western churches are by in large hemorrhaging their instinct is to promote short term mission teams without adjusting their old "tried and true" notions of mission. Tennent has given us a clear and crisp description of what is needed to open ourselves and our understandings to what the Spirit is doing in God's great big world beyond our own, sometimes exciting right next door.

This book opens the readers eyes to a Christianity beyond the borders of the U.S. It's wonderful to read about the gospel flourishing all over the world.

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