

“WHO I AM AS A THEOLOGIAN” -

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One of the very first questions that I have, when approaching this paper was to answer the question, or looking at what a theologian was. From what I thought the title ‘included’ made me look deeply into whether I was able to address this title for myself fitting into such manner of spiritual adaptability. I tried to measure what it meant for other noted persons, of degree, and publications listed under the title of ‘peer’, or scholarly, reviewed. I did not see my name, or the possibly ability to fit with those persons’ writings which I have used for my previous written assignments for school papers. And, so I had to wrestle with the thought of me, ever, being listed among those noted writers.

So, in the midst of this quest, today, I had to review the definition of this awesome title of authority of the text of our noted gospels, and other biblical writings. But, with that being so, I was challenged to look ‘further’ into a great source of biblical definitions beyond my own knowledge. So, I used the following books to help me find my way out of this trial. I used, from our library, the ‘Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics (edited by James Hastings¹) to help me gain an upper hand on this manner before me , and it helped me understand that my role as a theologians was one that would be able to understand the (or, a) scientific method of dealing with the ‘facts’ of religion; or, understanding the ‘philosophy’ of God (and, His existence in today’s life that we share with the rest of the world).

So, I am ‘marshalled’ to be able to both understand, and demonstrate, that I know who God is and be able to ‘handle’ the rest of the religious factors around knowing

¹ Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics (Edit. James Hastings), Vol. XII Suffering – Zwingli, Pub. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, Edinburgh: T. & T Clark 1922 Pg. 293. Theology may be defines as the ‘science’ which deals, according to scientific methods, with the facts and phenomena of religion and culminates in a comprehensive synthesis or philosophy of religion, which seeks forth in a systematic way all that can be known regarding the objective ground of religious belief. Also: “According to its etymological meaning, the word ‘theology’ denotes ‘discourse or doctrine concerning God’.

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who God is, and how He has been in the midst of changing (and challenging) our lives. In this, I see that I am a teacher, learner, practitioner of His word, a scientist of religious manner, and believer in what he does (and, has done) through His people of today, yesterday, and forever more. And, because of this I have come to realize that what I know has got be correct so that I tell no one something that is in error of the truth of God, along with the who He is; the why he I s so important to our existence; and much more. ‘Rightly’ dividing the word of truth to those who will need to know it for its worth to their live, and others.