

The Problem

A general introduction - a statement of viewpoint - of assumption and aim. of diagnosis -- what are the signs of the times

New Theology but not a new revelation, new church, new faith

Theology is not just religion but reflection on religion
reflection is a human activity, varies with variations of culture
we need a new theology because western culture has changed

Modern science - Butterfield - not just more and better knowledge
but a concept of science quite different from Ar Post Anal
on cosmology

Modern philosophy -- does not take its stand on metaphysics --
transcendental turn -- conditions of poss of knowing an object
phenomenology
existentialism
personalism
historicist
lingistic

Modern history -- Philologie Fr Wulf, Boeckh
Range von Savigny Grimm bros Mommsen
Gooch 97 ; detach study of past from passions of present
base construction of history on contemporary sources
find out where sources obtained their information

Modern culture -- culture aware of all cultures - all man-made
vs classicism, Culture, normative not empirical
quod ubique quod semper quod ab omnibus
vs diversity development communications

Modern Rlg studies --
Wilfred Cantwell Smith - Meaning and End of Religion (Mentor Book)
write on Islam in manner that Muslims find accurate description
of what they really are -- et al
Secretariats - Xtian unity - non Xtian religions - atheists

Demythologisation
Clem Alex - Excerpta ex Theodoto - neither stands or sits or walks
neither right hand nor left - neither of visage or anger or
philosophic demythologisation of the notion of God of Tert Prax
Is there a psychological demythologisation -- symbolic or literal
Is there a historical demythologisation

Liberation from Ar notion of science
Able to use resources of modern philosophic development
Combine religion with genuine historical work: Jesus hist Xt faith
Move out of classicist suppositions into modern culture
Have a theology that can relate profoundly to other religions
Have tools for confronting problems of demythologisation

Method: what does one do to do theology in that fashion.
not solving theological questions: revelation Virgin birth etc
but constructing machinery for handling them, machinery
through which materials are run