

## SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY: ITS VALIDITY AND ITS LIMITATIONS

## Introduction

- I. The validity of systematic theology
  - A. The basis for a valid systematic theology
  - B. Consideration of objections
    - 1. Alleged nonexistence of supernatural world
    - 2. The wide variety of religions
    - 3. The variety of views strongly held by various Christian groups
    - 4. The alleged difficulty of knowing which books are authoritative
    - 5. The lack of original manuscripts
    - 6. The alleged difficulty of expressing supernatural truths in human words
    - 7. The alleged temporary nature of Scriptural teaching
- II. The limitations of systematic theology
  - A. Limited to propositions reasonably deduced from Biblical data
  - B. Limitations caused by recognition of purpose of Bible
    - 1. Practical nature of Biblical writings
    - 2. Relation to temporary situations
  - C. Limitations produced by incompleteness of human reasoning
  - D. Limitation from the nature of language