

Lutheran Theologians of the 16th and 17th Centuries

Theologian	School	Major Work	Dogmatic Significance	Notes
Philipp Melancthon 1497-1560	Wittenberg	<i>Loci Communes Rerum Theologicarum</i> , 1521, 1555	Arrangement based on the book of Romans	Luther's theologian
Jacob Heerbrand 1521-1600	Tubingen	<i>Compendium Theologiae</i> , 1575	Close to scripture; in the form of questions and brief answers	Had a reputation both for orthodoxy and moderation
Martin Chemnitz 1522-1586	Wittenberg	<i>Loci Theologici</i> , 1591 (pub. posthumously)	A presentation of the biblical materials relative to the chief articles of doctrine	His work represents a biblical theology as much as a dogmatics
Mathias Hafenreffer 1561-1619	Tubingen	<i>Compendium Doctrinae Coelestis</i> , 1600	Resembles Heerbrand's compendium; questions and pithy answers	His work used extensively as a textbook in Sweden
Leonard Hutter 1563-1616	Wittenberg	<i>Loci Communes Theologici</i> , 1619 (pub. posthumously)	Clear and exceptionally well-outlined series of discussions	Established orthodoxy at Wittenberg
George Calixtus 1585-1656	Helmstedt	<i>Epitome Theologiae</i> , 1619		
John Gerhard 1582-1637	Jena	<i>Loci Theologici</i> , 1610-1622	Aristotelian distinctions and terminology—very clear and systematic	Had John Arndt as his pastor growing up
Nicholas Hunnius 1585-1643	Wittenberg	<i>Epitome Credendorum</i> , 1625	Introduces an <i>ordo salutis</i> in his soteriology	Became popular among the laity
Jesper Rasmus Brochmand 1585-1652	Copenhagen	<i>Universae Theologiae Systema</i> , 1633	Like Gerhard in arrangement, tone, and content—the introduction of practical application	The giant among the Scandinavian theologians
John Conrad Dannhauer 1603-1666	Strasbourg	<i>Hodosophia Christiana Sive Theologia Positiva</i> , 1649	Arranged around twelve biblical images	Pastoral leader around Alsace—a teacher of Spener
Abraham Calov 1612-1686	Wittenberg	<i>Systema Locorum Theologicorum</i> , 1655-1677	The first volume contains the finest discussion of prolegomena, revelation and scripture	Superintendent of the Saxon churches
John Andrew Quenstedt 1617-1688	Wittenberg	<i>Theologia Didactilo—Polemica Sive Systema Theologiae</i> , 1685	A virtual masterpiece; a model of dogmatic systemization	Nephew of Gerhard
David Hollaz 1648-1713	Wittenberg (pastor)	<i>Examen Theologicum Acroamaticum</i> , 1707	Masterpiece of arrangement and precise formation	

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Swiss, German, and Dutch Reformed Scholasticism of the 16th and 17th Centuries

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Wolfgang Musculus 1497-1563	Bern	<i>Loci Communes Sacrae Theologiae</i> , 1560, 1567 ^(posth.)	75 individual loci laid out in an ordered progression	One of the important 2nd generation codifiers of the Reformed faith
Peter Martyr Vermigli 1499-1562	Strasbourg Zurich	<i>Loci Communes</i> , 1576 ^(posth.)	Exemplifies the humanist and scholastic models at the root of orthodoxy	Also engaged in the English Reformation under Thomas Cranmer
Heinrich Bullinger 1504-1575	Zurich	<i>Compendium Christianae Religionis</i> , 1556	Scripture clearly stressed as the source of theological knowledge	The successor to Zwingli at Zurich—outlived the 2nd generation reformers
John Calvin 1509-1564	Geneva	<i>Institutio Christianae Religionis</i> , 1536, 1539, 1543, 1550, 1559	The arrangement of all his chapters under the creedal form in his final edition, 1559	Even today, the reformed faith is often referred to as Calvinist
Andreas Hyperius 1511-1564	Marburg	<i>Methodi Theologiae</i> , 1568 ^(posth.)	Another demonstration of concern for method and structure in the early period	Wrote the first Protestant text devoted to systematic homiletics
Jerome Zanchius 1516-1590	Heidelberg	<i>Praefatiuncula in Locos Communos (Opera Theologica)</i> , 8 vols, 1617)	The meaning and method of theology affixed to a statement on the doctrine of Scripture	Successor to Ursinus at Heidelberg
Theodore Beza 1519-1605	Geneva	<i>Tractationes Theologicae</i> , 1570	Systematized Calvin—predestination connected to his <i>ordo salutis</i>	Successor to Calvin in Geneva—Calvin died in his arms
Zacharius Ursinus 1534-1583	Heidelberg	<i>Doctrinae Christianae Compendium</i> , 1584 ^(posth.)	Revised the <i>quastio</i> as a device for teaching theology	One of the authors of the Heidelberg Catechism
Franciscus Junius 1545-1602	Heidelberg Leiden	<i>De Vera Theologia</i> , 1594	All Reformed and most Lutheran prolegomena in the following century show his influence	A Huguenot scholar and theologian
Amandus Polanus 1561-1610	Basel	<i>Syntagma Theologiae Christianae</i> , 1609, 1617	The most elaborate system of theology developed up to that time	Quoted often in Barth's <i>Church Dogmatics</i>
Franciscus Gomarus 1563-1641	Leiden	<i>Opera Theologica Omnia</i> , 3 volumes, 1644 ^(posth.)	The prolegomena is reduced to the basic statements of definitions and principles	Adversary of the Armenians at Leiden
Johann Heinrich Alsted 1588-1638	Herborn Weissenburg	<i>Methodus Sacrosanctae Theologiae</i> , 1614	Desire to establish the interrelationship of philosophy and theology	Called one of the most important encyclopedists of all time
Johannes Maccovius 1588-1644	Franeker, Netherlands	<i>Loci Communes Theologici</i> , 1626	Definition of theology as the science of living blessedly forever	Distinguished sharply between scholarship and beliefs essential to salvation
Gisbertus Voetius 1589-1676	Utrecht	<i>Selectae Disputationes Theologicae</i> , 5 parts, 1648-1659	Strict limitations placed on the use of reason in matters of faith	Anti-Cartesian, anti-Arminian, anti-Cocceian
Johannes Cocceius 1603-1669	Leiden	<i>Summa Doctrinae de Foedere et Testamento Dei</i> , 1648	Federal or Covenant Theology comes into its own	Scholar of Hebrew philology and exegesis
François Turretin 1623-1687	Geneva	<i>Institutio Theologicae Elencticae</i> , 3 volumes, 1679-1685	A master summary of Reformed scholasticism	Served as a major source for Charles Hodge's <i>Systematic Theology</i>
Peter Mastricht 1630-1706	Frankfurt, Utrecht	<i>Theologia Theoretico-Practica</i> , 1682-1687	Develops a polemical approach alongside the exegetical, dogmatic, and practical	Strongly influenced both Reformed theology and Dutch piety

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