

appears to stress objective revelation as the source of theology's content. This distinction of source could very well affect the content of theology.

4. What is theology and how do we go about doing it? We will employ the following as a working definition:

**Theology is an imperfect attempt to develop increasingly more accurate approximations of God's perfect system of truth: (a) by exegeting and organizing the facts and meanings of God's revelation of His nature, God's revelation of His works of creation, providence, redemption, and judgment, and God's revelation of His purpose and will for all created beings; (b) by constructing formulations that accurately define and interrelate the truths of God's revelation; (c) by expressing these formulations in terms of thought-forms appropriate to the current culture.**

A Shorter Form of this Definition

Theology is the attempt to discover and express the truth concerning God and His relationships to the universe.

(a) How do we go about discovering this truth?

By exegeting and organizing God's general and special revelation, and by constructing formulations of its facts and meanings.

(b) How do we go about expressing this truth?

By defining and explaining it in terms of thought-forms appropriate to the current culture.

C. Branches of Theological Study

Paul Tillich has proposed the following outline of theological encyclopedia:

I. Historical Theology

- A. Biblical disciplines
- B. Church History
- C. History of Religion and Culture

II. Systematic Theology

- A. Apologetics
- B. Ethics
- C. Dogmatics