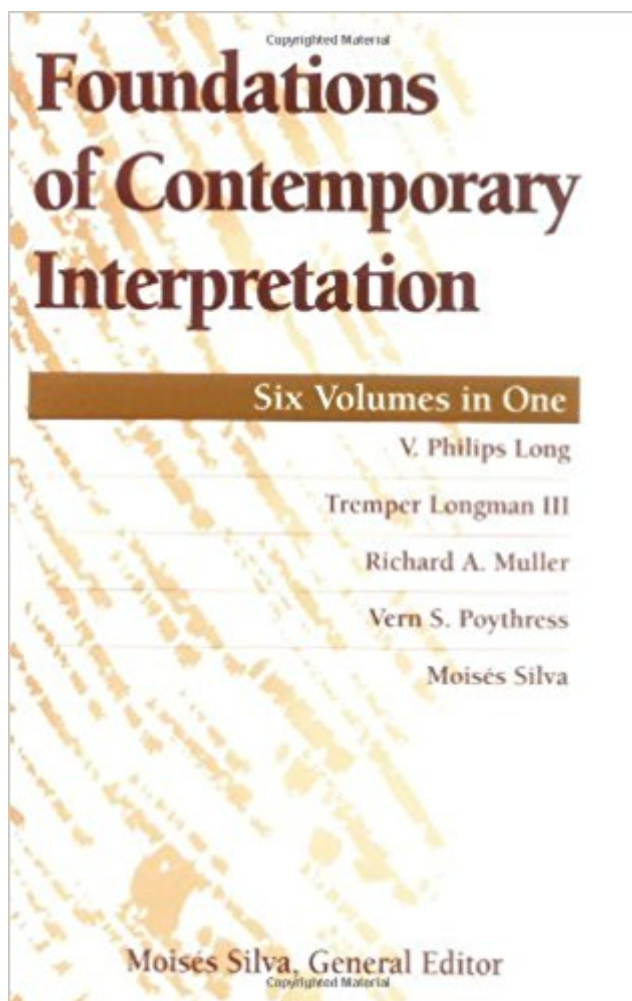


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# Foundations Of Contemporary Interpretation



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Everything was fine.

Great book, great buy! Deals with contemporary issues of interpretation and hermeneutics from a conservative perspective. Great scholars in their field. I highly recommend it.

Moises Silva and the other authors in this six volume work are incredible and the content included is well worth the read. However, the printing of this volume is terrible and the scholars in this book and customers who buy it deserve better from Zondervan. The paperback is not worth the \$40 original price tag. This printing is so bad it is a wonder that Zondervan let it be sold at all. There are almost no margins and it is printed too closely to the binding. You have to use force to pull the book open wide enough to read the final word that lays too deep within the crease, destroying the book more and more with every page that is turned. Very difficult to read font. It is too faint and too small. Even the text on the cover does not fit and is clipped off at the edges. It looks more like a locally made, amateur, poor quality Xerox that was hastily made to save ink and paper rather than a world class theological publishing by Zondervan.

Not for the immature reader. This book faces issues that intimidate contemporary interpreters of the Bible, providing the best scholarship in response. It also gives wise insight into many needed aspects of contemporary interpretation, such as the use of language. Good for anyone, but

especially for seminary students, as a help to guide them through some of the difficult issues presented to them regarding Biblical hermeneutics. The book first gives points of view that are contrary to traditional Christianity and then answers them by presenting theologically sound answers. It may be cumbersome to read through the many quotations and references to outside sources, but the effort is well worth it. Highly recommended.

This book includes 6 (small) books: 1) Has the church misread the Bible? 2) Literary Approach to Biblical Interpretation 3) God, Language, and Scripture 4) the Art of Biblical History 5) Science and Hermeneutics 6) The study of theology. Each size is around 80 - 130 pages. They don't have to be read in this order, so people can choose the topics they like. I read some of part 1, 5, and 6. I am a conservative evangelic christian. I think I am very serious about the Christian Theology and the like. When I read the first part, I found Dr. Silva asks very good questions and presents the important issues in the interpretations. These issues definitely affect our understanding of the Bible. Some issues are philosophy, linguistics, history and theology... If Bible is the ultimate authority of the christian religion, then we should treat these issues seriously because the meaning in the text closely connects with our presupposition. Part 5 is really interesting. The author uses Romans 7 as an example to illustrate how our "model" will effect our interpretation. He keeps going on searching the analogy of model in science and the model in Biblical interpretation. The writing is very clear. Part 6 is also very good. Dr. Muller discusses the necessity of the theology. He thinks the theology is not only for the people in the ivory tower but also for believer's daily life. He gives many examples in Old/New Testament Theology, Doctrinal Theology. These examples show that how we can share the Gospel in a stimulating way, as it should be in the first century, base on these study of theology. I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to share the God's word with people. Very helpful.

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