

Lutheran Theologians of the 16th and 17th Centuries

| Theologian | School | Major Work | Dogmatic Significance | Notes |
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| 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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