

**PH.D. IN SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**

**Field Essay Study Guide**

School of Theology

In preparation for this essay, review each of the areas of systematic theology. Review each area's particular doctrines and their rationale (including biblical and traditional theological argumentation). Review as well the most significant issues and controversies in each area, whether patristic, scholastic, modern or evangelical. At the time of the field essay, you will be given two questions, each representing a different area of theology. You will be asked to answer one of the two questions.

1. To assist you in this review, consult a published systematic theology such as one of the following:

Millard Erickson, *Christian Theology*, Second Edition. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998. The first edition, published in three volumes from 1983-85 is still valuable as well.

Alister McGrath. *Christian Theology: An Introduction*. Oxford: Blackwell, 1994.

Stanley Grenz. *Theology for the Community of God*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 1994.

Wayne Grudem. *Systematic Theology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994.

Very helpful on issues in the modern era is: Peter Hodgson and Robert King. *Christian Theology, An Introduction to Its Traditions and Tasks*. Rev. Ed. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1985.

2. Also helpful for your preparation are reference works such as:

*The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Thought*

*The Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*

*The New Dictionary of Theology*

*A New Handbook of Christian Theology*