

Schools of Biblical Interpretation

19 th Century Liberalism	-uncritical acceptance of culture's understanding of progress and individualism	
Neo-orthodox	-human creature-lieness and sinfulness -obedience to Word of God -distinction between Christianity and culture -apolitical	-Barth
Political Theology	-reaction to neo-orthodoxy -memory and solidarity with victims of injustice -social praxis	-Moltmann -Metz -Soelle
Evangelical/ Fundamentalist	-more literal interpretation of the biblical witness -personal salvation -conservative social agenda	-Falwell -Graham
Creation	-original blessing instead of original sin -challenges fall/redemption understanding -confronts dualistic, hierarchical understandings such as body/spirit	-Fox
Jesus Seminar	-renewed the quest for the historical Jesus -meets twice a year to debate technical papers -at the close of debate on each agenda item, Fellows of the Seminar vote, using colored beads to indicate the degree of authenticity of Jesus' words or deeds	-Crossan -Borg
Process Theology	-world is relational and interdependent -God's immanence stressed not transcendent, unchangeability -God's participation in world's suffering is a creative force in world's becoming	-Cobb -Whitehead
Afro-American	-revolutionary Jesus -spirit in the church of singing, vibrant, vision of freedom -legacy of slaves indoctrinated in religion of their masters while discovering the liberating meaning of the gospel -call to humanize the social condition of Afro-Americans	-Cone
Womanist	-surrogacy, survival as images of history and life experience of black women	-Williams -Grant -Weems
African	-independence after long history of colonization -variety of theological interpretations -socio-economic realities of poverty, post-apartheid and AIDS pandemic -integrative understanding of living and non-living, individual and community -call for African inculturation in leadership and theology	-Oduyoye -Tutu
Latin American	-God's preferential option for the poor -base communities -social analysis from Marxist perspective -praxis -action/reflection	-Gutierrez -Segundo -Boff

Mujerista	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -embracing practice of popular religions -communal enablement for Latina women -naming of internalized oppression and preferred future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tamez -Isasi-Diaz
Feminist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -deconstruction of patriarchy, sexism -hermeneutics of suspicion -construction of discipleship of equals, biblical stories of women role's -sin defined as pride has disastrous effect in women tempted to dissolve self through devoted service -language and image, "if God is male, males are gods" and metaphoric expansion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Radford Ruether -Trible -Schussler Fiorenza -Russell -Johnson -Harrison -Heyward
Eco-theology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -respect for the earth -re-framing doctrine and theology to question the primacy of humankind -challenge to concepts that have contributed to ecological disaster - domination, consumerism, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -McFague -Hallman
Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -reframing theological from the perspectives of those who are disabled and/or chronically ill -challenging able-bodism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -barb wire collective -Eiesland
Queer Theology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered liberation -reclaiming of pejorative word "queer" in a positive, strategic, politically empowering way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Goss -Hunt -Mollenkott -Nelson -Glazer
Asian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Christianity a tiny majority and associated with colonial past - converts upper classes -history of multi-faith pluralism and dialogue -struggle for justice within reality of wide spread poverty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Song -Niles -Katoppo -Gnanadason -Pui-lan
Minjung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Korean for "the mass of the people" -recovery of rituals like mask dance to ridicule oppressors -<i>han</i> -frozen and knotted feelings of despair, helplessness, fear, anger, and other negative feelings that have accumulated over suffering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Park -Kyung
Indigenous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -cultural teachings and ceremonies honoured -legacy of colonialization/ genocide is identified -centrality of creation, respect, healing -charge with syncretism (mixing Christianity and First Nations ways) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tinker -Silman -McKay -Gossen