REVISION OF THE UNION SCHEDULE IN DOGMATICS (RP-RY)
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This revision of the dogmatic schedule in Miss Pettee’s classification of theology developed for Union Theological Seminary in New York arose out of an opportunity to restudy it, which was provided when I accepted the assignment of building the groundwork for the library at Fuller Theological Seminary. I had already revised the eschatology section somewhat while I was at Dallas. (We have used the Union system here at Fuller from the beginning. Some may not have understood this from the publishing in this BULLETIN last year of the expansion by Miss Allen of the 200-group of Dewey. She had worked that out before she came out here, and the Christian librarians of the Los Angeles area and others who had used it thought it worth publishing.)

It is generally agreed that an independent theological library must either use a system especially prepared for theology, or an expansion of an already existing system. This is specifically required in the limited religion division of the new 15th edition of Dewey, if one uses that system and wants any kind of subdivisions. (I do not know of any separate theological library using the L.C. schedule in religion.) Of the two alternatives, many feel that the former is preferable.

No one contends that the Union system is perfect. Miss Pettee said that the dogmatics section was the weakest part of it. There is little question that the system as a whole is basically sound, and the notation excellent (except for the decimals and final zero, which can be eliminated, as we have done, understanding the whole thing decimally). I fully realize that to attempt to improve this weak link is to risk weakening it further, but for a library of our type, designed to support a strong program of Biblical and theological studies, certain advantages can be gained.

I have examined the major systematic theologies and the literature of theological prolegomena, and believe that the divisions are basically sound as I have rearranged them. No doubt I shall be subject to criticism by some in the RP and RW sections, and as for RX-RY—I shall just shut my eyes and take it on the chin. (Have you ever tried to construct a chronology of future events as predicted in the Bible?) With the resurgence of Biblical theology, however, apart from the vast literature on the Bible institute level, and the trend toward eschatology, an increasing justification for my decision may emerge.

The real test, however, is the pragmatic one—how did it work? We mimeographed the schedule in the fall of 1948 and in the cataloging of 20,000 volumes we find that the alterations we have made in it can be counted on the fingers of one hand. We have used about three quarters of the numbers assigned. Specifically, the count is as follows: 17 of 20 in RP, 22 of 27 in RQ, 23 of 31 in RR, 8 of 12 in RS, 6 of 12 in RT, 8 of 13 in RU, 25 of 30 in RV, 10 of 15 in RW, and 50 of 64 in RX-RY, a double section.
BIBLIOLOGY (Theological doctrine of the Bible)

GENERALIA

RP13 Bibliography
RP19 Historical treatises

RP2 GENERAL TREATISES, all periods

RP3 REVELATION AND THE BIBLE; THE BIBLE AS REVELATION

- Philosophy of revelation
- Apologetics of revelation see RE
- Supernatural origin; Authenticity cf. RE
- Inspiration
  - Miracles as a proof of inspiration see RE68
- Evidential value of prophecy
- Canonicity and authority see also CE

RP4 Illumination and the problem of spiritual blindness

INTERPRETATION OF THE BIBLE (Hermeneutics)

RP51 Historical treatises
- Interpretation of miracles see FX35
- Interpretation of prophecy see RX18

RP52 General treatises, all periods

RP6 STRUCTURE OF THE BIBLE: DIVISIONS OF SCRIPTURE

- O.T. and N.T. compared see DX55
- The Bible as the history of God’s redemptive program
  - (Jonathan Edwards’ History of Redemption)

- Heilsgeschichte, Heilsgeschichtlicheschule
- Ages and dispensations; Time periods of the Bible; Millennium
day theory

RP7 TYPOLOGY

RP75 Typology of Mosaic institutions and customs
- Tabernacle and temple (if descriptive, use CQ)

RP76 Figures of speech and figurative language in the Bible;
  Allegories, metaphors, etc.

RP77 Biblical numerics and numerology

RP9 SPIRITUAL VALUE OF THE BIBLE
GENERALIA

RQ13 Bibliography
RQ19 Historical treatises

GENERAL TREATISES

RQ23 To 1799
RQ24 From 1800-1899
RQ25 From 1900-date

RQ3 THEISM (For naturalistic and philosophical theism see RB)
(For anti-theistic theories see RB42ff.)

RQ31 Existence of God
RQ32 Names and titles of Deity
RQ33 Personality of God
RQ34 Attributes of God
RQ342 Omniscience
RQ347 Sovereignty
RQ35 Decree(s) of God
RQ353 Predestination
RQ355 Election
RQ36 Covenants of God. Covenant theology
Covenant of grace see also RU
Covenant of works
Covenant of redemption see also RV
For dispensational theology see RP66

RQ37 Works of God
RQ373 Creation
RQ375 Providence and government of God

RQ4 TRINITARIANISM

RQ41 Historical and critical works
For early controversies see JC7
RQ43 Anti-trinitarian works
For unitarian works see also KU3
See also, Arianism
Doctrinal treatises

RQ45 To 1799
RQ46 From 1800-1899
RQ47 From 1900-date

RQ5 GOD THE FATHER (First Person)
RQ55 Fatherhood of God
CHRISTOLOGY (Theological doctrine of the Person of Christ)

(For the doctrine of the works of Christ in redemption see RV)

GENERALIA

RR13 Bibliography
RR18 Collected works
RR19 Historical treatises

GENERAL TREATISES

RR26 To 1799
RR27 From 1800-1899
RR28 From 1900-date

SPECIAL SUBJECTS

RR3 PREEXISTENCE AND GENERAL ATTRIBUTES
   RR32 Personality
   RR33 Angel of Jehovah
   RR35 Names and titles of Christ
RR36 DEITY AND DIVINITY (for historical works see RR19)

RR37 ATTRIBUTES OF CHRIST
   RR38 Sinlessness, impeccability

RR39 SONSHIPS OF CHRIST: God, Man, David, Abraham

RR4 INCARNATION: His divine-human person
   RR419 Historical treatises
   RR42 General treatises
   RR43 Kenosis — Humiliation
   RR44 Hypostatic union

RR45 Humanity, human nature
   Virgin birth see FS63
   Baptism see FS65
   Temptation see FS66
   Ministry see FS67
   Teachings see FX Trial see FS73 Miracles see FX35

RR5 SUFFERING AND DEATH, Christ as sufferer see also FS75, RV

RR6 RESURRECTION

RR7 ASCENSION & CHRISTOPHANIES

RR8 PRESENT SESSION IN HEAVEN, Second advent see RX
   Kingdom see FX42, RW5

RR9 OFFICES
   RR91 Redeemer
   RR92 Intercessor
   RR93 Prophet
   RR94 Priest
   RR95 King

RR97 Messiah See also DX3
   Devotional literature on Christ see FS99
PNEUMATOLOGY (Theological doctrine of the Holy Spirit)

GENERALIA
RS13 Bibliography
RS19 Historical treatises

GENERAL TREATISES
RS23 To 1799
RS24 From 1800-1899
RS25 From 1900-date

SPECIAL SUBJECTS
RS3 Names and titles of the Spirit
RS33 Types and symbols of the Spirit
RS4 Attributes
RS5 Work of the Spirit
RS53 In the Church
RS55 In the believer
RS57 Baptism of the Spirit

ANGELOLOGY (The theological doctrine of angels, good and bad) (Angels in the broadcast sense include all of God's creatures above the order of man)

GENERALIA
RT13 Bibliography
RT19 Historical treatises

GENERAL TREATISES
RT23 To 1799
RT24 From 1800-1899
RT25 From 1900-date

SPECIAL CLASSES OF ANGELS
RT43 Cherubim see also CQ47
RT45 Seraphim
RT47 Individual angels (cutter names)
   Gabriel
   Michael
   Lucifer see also OD7

SATAN
RT7

DEMONS AND EVIL SPIRITS
RT8 Demon possession see also OD7
RT85 Witchcraft and other non-human spirit manifestations (theological aspects) See also OD7,8
ANTHROPOLOGY (Theological doctrine of man and sin), Biblical humanism

Personality, if treated as a philosophical idea see RC72-75

GENERALIA

RU13 Bibliography
RU19 Historical treatises
RU2 GENERAL TREATISES, all periods
RU3 ORIGIN OF MAN, CREATION OF MAN see also RF2
  Pre-existence theory
  Creation theory
  Traducian theory
RU4 NATURE OF MAN: Body, soul, spirit, heart, flesh, mind
RU44 Soul of man
RU5 THE FALL OF MAN AND ORIGINAL SIN. Sin nature
  Death in all its phases see RX21-25
RU55 Ability and inability

SIN AND EVIL

RU61 Historical treatises
RU62 General treatises
RU65 Unpardonable sin; Sin against the Holy Ghost
RU67 Temptation
  Punishment see RX96

RU7 SUFFERING AND PAIN AS PROBLEMS OF THEODICY
SOTERIOLOGY (Theological doctrine of Salvation)

The work of the Trinity in salvation
Put material on the person of Christ in RR; on His work, here
Christ as Redeemer see RR91

GENERALIA

RV13 Bibliography
RV19 Historical treatises

GENERAL TREATISES

RV23 To 1799
RV24 From 1800-1899
RV25 From 1900-date

SUBJECTIVE ASPECTS

ATONEMENT

RV31 Historical treatises
RV33 General treatises
RV34 To 1799
RV35 From 1800-1899
RV36 From 1900-date

RV41 Special subjects
RV43 Redemption
RV44 Reconciliation
RV45 Propitiation
RV46 Regeneration, New birth
RV47 Justification
RV48 Sanctification & indwelling
RV51 Forgiveness
RV53 Adoption—Sonship of the believer
RV54 Grace
RV56 For infant salvation see RG27

OBJECTIVE ASPECTS

RV83 Vocation, Call
RV73 Conviction
RV75 Repentance
RV77 Faith, Terms of salvation, Solifidianism
RV8 Conversion
For evangelistic treatises see WB26
For psychological treatises see PR45
CHRISTIAN DOGMATICS—SPECIAL DOCTRINES

Assurance
Preservation, Eternal security of the believer
Perfection and perfectionism
Miscellaneous doctrines—Love
For Spiritual life of the believer see RW
THE GOSPEL: the doctrinal consideration of the messages of salvation

ECCLESIOLOGY (Theological doctrines of the Church)
(Conflicts with U. Put here theory and doctrine; there, practical matters. The older works dealing with everything go in U)

GENERALIA
Periodicals
Bibliography
Historical treatises

THE CHURCH AS AN ORGANISM, Mystical body
“Spiritual Israel”

The Church in prophecy
(For Biblical outline of Church history, see also treatises on the letters to the Seven Churches of Rev. 2,3 in FR892)
The Church and the Kingdom compared and contrasted
Israel and the Church compared and contrasted Cf. EZ3

THE BELIEVER
His position. Spiritual priesthood, Union with Christ
His conduct. Spiritual life (doctrinally considered)
(See RS for works dealing with the Spirit in the believer)
(See X for devotional life of the believer)
Prayer see UU5 for all literature

MORAL LAW. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
Legal aspects of conduct

THE LAW-GRACE CONTROVERSY
The law system vs. the grace economy and Christian liberty
Judaism vs. Christianity See also EZ3
CHRISTIAN DOGMATICS—SPECIAL DOCTRINES

ESCHATOLOGY AND BIBLICAL PROPHECY

GENERALIA

ZRX Periodicals of prophecy
RX12 Conferences on prophecy; Proceedings of prophetic societies
(RX13 Bibliography of prophecy
RX14 Dictionaries and encyclopedias of prophecy
RX15 Outlines, handbooks, guides, tables of prophecy
RX16 Study and teaching of prophecy
RX17 Works on fulfilled or fulfilling prophecies not classable below
Apologetics of prophecy; Argument from fulfilled prophecy
see RP37
RX18 Interpretation of prophecy see also RP5
RX19 History of prophecy and prophetic studies; historical treatises
Chronology of prophecy goes with CU

RX2 GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS WORKS ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS

DEATH AND IMMORALITY IN GENERAL: LIFE AFTER DEATH

See also OD17, XR5

RX21 Death in all its phases: physical, spiritual, second death

Immortality and future life in general:
RX23 General treatises to 1799
RX24 General treatises 1800-1899
RX25 General treatises 1900-date
RX27 Conditional immortality; Annihilationism; Restorationism;
Universal salvation; Universal reconciliation; Second chance

RX3 INTERMEDIATE STATE, general treatises
RX33 Purgatory
RX35 Christ’s descent into Hades see also FX27

RX4 PRE-ADVENT ITEMS, general treatises
RX41 End of the world (age) Cf. RX92
RX42 Signs of the times; Signs of the end; Conditions preceding the
second advent; Current events in the light of prophecy
RX44 Mark of the beast (666)
RX46 Wars and prophecy, general treatises and wars to 1914
RX47 World War I and prophecy
RX48 World War II and prophecy

RX5 SECOND ADVENT & ACCOMPANYING EVENTS: RAPTURE OF THE
CHURCH AND REVELATION OF CHRIST IN GLORY

RX52 Rapture of the church
RX53 Revelation of Christ in glory to rule
RX54 The (great) tribulation (70th week of Daniel);
The church and the tribulation
RX55 Final Battles
RX56 Battle of Armageddon
RX57 Battle of Gog and Magog see also DN69-38,39
(For Gog and Magog nationally see RY16)
RESURRECTION, First, second and general
(For resurrection of Jesus, see FS77, RU57)

MILLENNIUM, THOUSAND YEARS' REIGN: KINGDOM OF CHRIST
ON EARTH IN FUTURE, TRIUMPHAL STATE, WHETHER
MILLENAIRIAN OR NOT

Millenarianism as such: pre-, post- & a:- Chiliasm
Six and seven-thousand year tradition
Loosing of satan and final battles of time; Closing events of time

JUDGMENTS OF GOD, GENERAL, MILLENNIAL AND ETERNAL
Judgment seat of Christ; Judgment of the nations;
Judgment of angels; Judgment of the great white throne
Rewards; Five crowns, etc.

ETERNAL STATE & EVENTS ACCOMPANYING ITS INCEPTION
Conflagration of the earth and of the heavens
Atomic fission and the dissolution of the universe
Renovation of all things; Regeneration of the world;
Creation of new heavens and new earth
Eternal state in general
The heavens and eternal life details
Future punishment, Future retribution
See also RX27
Places of punishment and suffering in eternity
Hell, Hades, Gehenna, Limpo, Tartarus
For Purgatory see RX33
SPECIAL SUBJECTS IN PROPHECY: MODERN PROPHETISM AND PROPHETS; SECULAR PROPHECIES

RY1 NATIONS IN PROPHECY, several nations
RY12 Israel and Palestine in prophecy; Fulfillment of the covenant promises in relation to Israel; Restoration of the Jews to Palestine
RY13 The ten tribes in prophecy
(For comparisons and contrasts between Israel and the Church see RW)
RY14 Babylon in prophecy
RY15 Rome and Roman Empire in prophecy
RY16 Russia in prophecy; Gog and Magog
   For Battles of Gog and Magog see RX57
RY17 U.S. and the British Empire in prophecy
   Anglo-Israel (prophetic aspects only)
   For Anglo-Israelism as a sect see M
   For Zionism see HP82
RY19 Other nations (singly) in prophecy (Cutter nation)
RY2 PYRAMIDS IN PROPHECY
RY3 PERSONALITIES IN PROPHECY Several persons
RY33 Individuals in prophecy (Cutter names as in CT37)
RY38 Anti-Christ; Man of Sin; False Prophet; The “Beasts” of Daniel and of Revelation
RY39 Pope as Anti-Christ; Anti-Papal prophecies
RY4 CATHOLIC PROPHECIES, both religious and secular, if not classable above
RY5 SECULAR PROPHECIES: WORKS OF PRETENDED PROPHETS
   Richard Brothers
RY55 Nostradamus