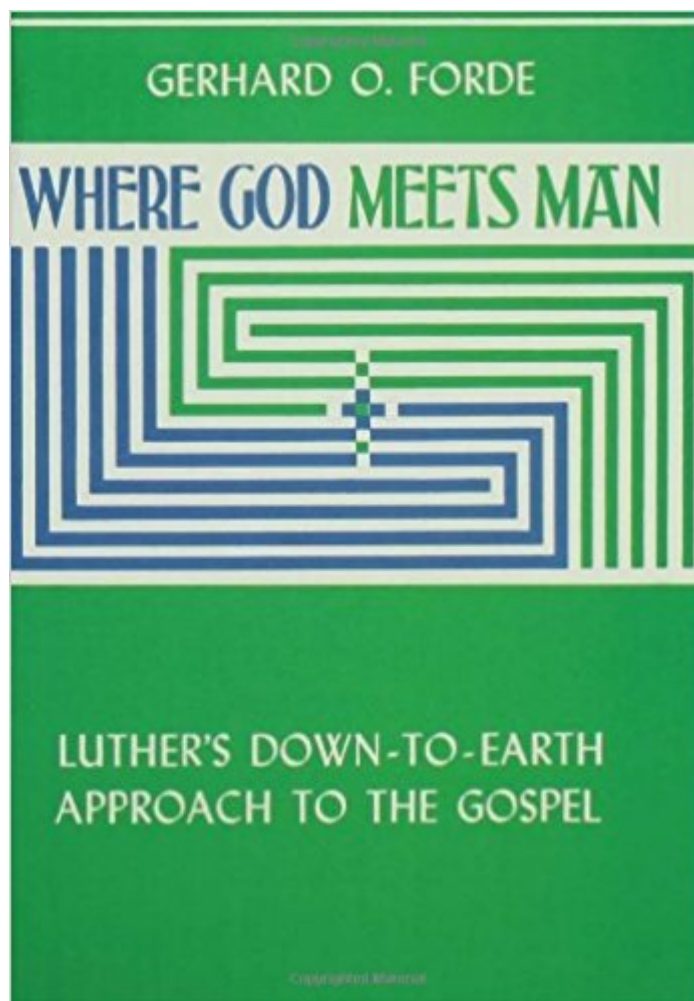


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# Where God Meets Man



## Synopsis

This book about Luther's theology is written out of a two-fold conviction. First, that many of our problems have arisen because we have not really understood our own traditions, especially in the case of Luther; and second, that there is still a lot of help for us in someone like Luther if we take the trouble to probe beneath the surface. It is an attempt to interpret Luther's theology for our own day. The fundamental theme of the book is the "down-to-earth" character of Luther's theology. In using this theme, Forde points out that we have failed to understand the basic thrust or direction of Luther's theology and that this failure has caused and is still causing us grief. Modern scholarship has demonstrated that Luther simply did not share the views on the nature of faith and salvation that subsequent generations have foisted upon him and used to interpret his thinking. This book attempts to bring the results of some of that scholarship to light and make it more accessible to those who are searching for answers today. The central questions of Christianity are examined in this fresh restatement of Luther's thought—the God-man relationship, the cross, the sacraments, this world and the next, and the role of the church. The author presents the "down-to-earth" character of Luther's theology in the hope that it will help individual Christians today to be both faithful to God and true to their human and social responsibilities.

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Where God Meets Man is probably the best piece of theology I've read. It's very simple for the layman to understand, and summarizes Luther's theology very well. One of my favorite parts is Forde's ability to speak on the Sacraments, as well as the Two-Kingdoms doctrines of Luther. This

is well worth the read. I've gone through it about five times already, and I'm still learning from this book.

The best summary of Luther's basic tenants I have read. Those new to protestant religion would do well to start with this book to learn the key differences between pre post reformation Christian theology. Luther is held by many to be the first man to found a lasting protestant faith and understanding why and how he formed a new church is central to his success.

A classic explanation of the Lutheran understanding of justification by grace through faith. Easy to understand and is memorable. I first read this in college, and bought it again recently for review. I am a Lutheran pastor and highly recommend it.

This book and his Justification By Faith are terrific. I have read both multiple times. I buy them as gifts or when I mark it up so much it is unreadable.

absolutely love this mans ability to get to the heart of Luther. Next to Hans Iwand , Gerhard Forde is my go to read.

This book recapitulates the Gospel, which flips the world upside down and puts us right side up. One of my favorite Lutheran writers. I see new facets of the Gospel every time I read him.

The gospel of the down to earth God truly does set us free to live as God's people. This tiny book is a tremendous contribution to the conversation around faith and everyday life.

One can glean from this study some basic elements of Martin Luther's theology that lead the reader toward biblical Christianity; however, the author's using of Luther's polemic against what he calls "ladder theology" to condemn the orthodox, biblical doctrine of the Vicarious Satisfaction of Christ is an act of scholarly dishonesty: Luther steadfastly held to this orthodox, biblical doctrine. One must "read Luther through" and not simply present some of his theology. While this study is written for the theological layperson, it could offer more footnoted/endnoted references to support its assertions. It is more helpful for understanding Forde's theology than Luther's theology.

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