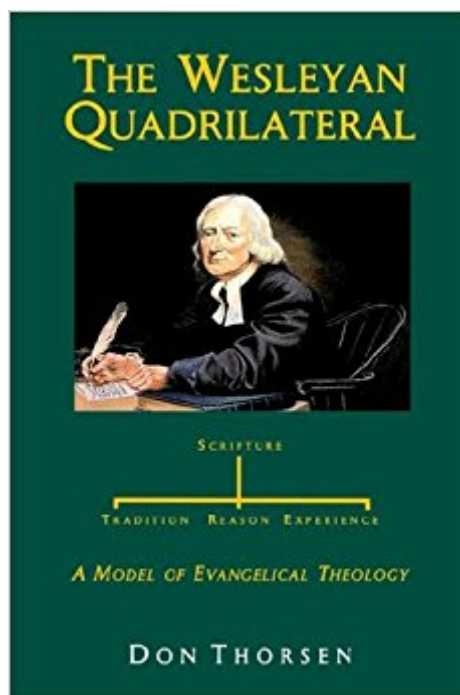




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# The Wesleyan Quadrilateral: Scripture, Tradition, Reason, & Experience As A Model Of Evangelical Theology



## Synopsis

This book develops the theological method implicit in the theology of John Wesley. The four normative sources for doing theology have been described as the Wesleyan quadrilateral--Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. The author shows that for Wesley the Protestant concept of "Scripture alone" entails the view that the Scriptures are the primary source, not the only source, of theology. He proposes that Wesley's theological method is the basis for a catholic evangelicalism and ecumenism that is faithful to the Scriptures, to the Early Church Fathers, to a responsible use of reason, and Christian experience enlightened by the Holy Spirit.

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## Customer Reviews

Don Thorsen is Professor of Theology in the Haggard School of Theology at Azusa Pacific University. He holds degrees from Stanford University, Asbury Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Drew University (Ph.D).

I am not finished with this book but I already feel that I've learned a lot about John Wesley and his approach to theology, and I feel a closer kinship with Wesley as a result. It is also becoming clearer to me just how far off course the United Methodist Church has drifted from the Wesleyan "way" - especially in the western U.S. But sometimes the author gets a bit too wordy or repetitive in trying to make a point and that hurts the quality of his work, I think. Maybe I'll change my mind on this point after I've finished the book and I'll return to this review to update it as appropriate. Meanwhile, I

recommend this book to anybody who wants to learn more about Wesley's theological positions and who/what influenced him as he developed his understanding of how reason, tradition, and experience can support our understanding of Scripture but must never replace Scripture as an authority in our faith.

The book was very helpful for my research on Wesley's Quadrilateral. It was an easy read with layers of helpful information to develop and worked well with other readings.

good book

Dr. Thorsen wrote an excellent work on Wesley and what is now known as the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. Thorsen establishes an impressive academic explanation of this concept. I recommend all interested in learning more about Wesley's thought read this.

Quality

This book was alright. It did a good job of walking the reader through each section of the quadrilateral. Scripture is repeatedly hailed as being the most significant lense.

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