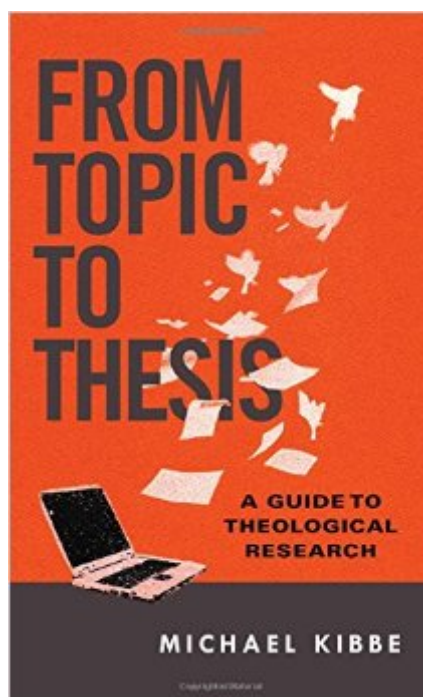


The book was found

# From Topic To Thesis: A Guide To Theological Research



## Synopsis

While courses in Bible and theology typically require research papers, particularly at the graduate level, very few include training in research. Professors have two options: use valuable class time to teach students as much as they can, or lower their standards with the understanding that students cannot be expected to complete tasks for which they have never been prepared. *From Topic to Thesis: A Guide to Theological Research* offers a third option. This affordable and accessible tool walks students through the process, focusing on five steps: finding direction, gathering sources, understanding issues, entering discussion and establishing a position. Its goal is to take students directly from a research assignment to a research argumentâ•in other words, from topic to thesis.

## Book Information

Paperback: 153 pages

Publisher: IVP Academic (January 28, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0830851313

ISBN-13: 978-0830851317

Product Dimensions: 4.2 x 0.4 x 7 inches

Shipping Weight: 0.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.9 out of 5 starsÂ• See all reviewsÂ• (7 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #37,801 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #13 inÂ• Books > Religion & Spirituality > Religious Studies > Education #29 inÂ• Books > Education & Teaching > Schools & Teaching > Education Theory > Research #4983 inÂ• Books > Self-Help

## Customer Reviews

*From Topic to Thesis* is about how to write a research paper about theology or biblical studies. What Michael Kibbe says could apply to undergraduates or graduate students. It could also apply to scholars who want to do research so that they can get published. Kibbe differentiates between the types of research papers that he is discussing and dissertations. The latter have to be original, interact with secondary sources in foreign languages (depending on oneâ™s discipline), and keep up with the very cutting-edge of the scholarly discussions; the former, not so much. Still, Kibbeâ™s discussion of research and trying to find a topic can apply to people doing dissertation work or writing scholarly papers. On some level, I have done some of the things that Kibbe suggests, without realizing it. It is still good for Kibbeâ™s principle to be in my mind, though, so that I can consciously identify productive ways to do research. Kibbe talks about starting with tertiary sources, which

include theological dictionaries and encyclopedias. They usually give people a survey of scholarly discussions. When one continues to read and starts to see the same sources cited over and over again, that could be a sign that one has consulted enough secondary sources. Kibbe does not necessarily hold students' hand. Students who read this book may still feel that they need more guidance. For example, Kibbe on page 63 talks about the importance of integrating different relevant sub-disciplines (i.e., literary, geographical, theological) rather than just focusing on one. A student may need more help in going about this.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

From Topic to Thesis: A Guide to Theological Research  
How to Start a Blog that People Will Read: How to create a website, write about a topic you love, develop a loyal readership, and make six figures doing it. (THE MAKE MONEY FROM HOME LIONS CLUB)  
Water 4 Survival (A Wilderness Survival Topic Book 3)  
Writing the Winning Thesis or Dissertation: A Step-by-Step Guide  
How to Write a BA Thesis: A Practical Guide from Your First Ideas to Your Finished Paper (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing)  
How to Write a Master's Thesis  
Writing for Social Scientists: How to Start and Finish Your Thesis, Book, or Article: Second Edition (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing)  
Reference Works for Theological Research  
A Guide to Church Property Law: Theological, Constitutional and Practical Considerations  
Commentary and Reference  
Survey: A Comprehensive Guide to Biblical and Theological Resources  
The Reciprocating Self: Human Development in Theological Perspective  
An Overview of Orthodox Canon Law (Orthodox, Theological Library)  
Rediscovering the Natural Law in Reformed Theological Ethics (Emory University Studies in Law and Religion)  
CFT 02 - Un Dios en tres personas (Curso De Formacion Teologica Evangelica/ Course of Evangelical Theological Formation) (Spanish Edition)  
She Who Is: The Mystery of God in Feminist Theological Discourse  
The Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms, Second Edition: Revised and Expanded  
Pocket Dictionary of Theological Terms  
Phenomenology and the Theological Turn: The French Debate (Perspectives in Continental Philosophy)  
Meaning in History: The Theological Implications of the Philosophy of History  
The Kingdom and the Glory: For a Theological Genealogy of Economy and Government (Meridian: Crossing Aesthetics)

[Dmca](#)