

**A Comparison of Dr. Norman Geisler Systematic Theology:
In One Volume to the Four Volumes
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The following are my notes on the differences between Norman L. Geisler’s *Systematic Theology in One Volume* and Norman L. Geisler’s *Systematic Theology* Volumes 1-4 (see Bibliography for full references). The chart is read starting in the left column that lists the chapter and pages of the *One Volume* where the deletion is, or the text would/should be if it was left. Brackets [] are used to show the action of what took place: nothing deleted, deleted, edited, addition, or correction. The next column (right) lists the corresponding volume (in the four-volume set), the chapter or appendix followed by headings of the sections removed and then the page number to show its location in the volume. Occasionally I note [NLG text] if Geisler’s written text, if it appears associated with quotes or in some cases just his writing under the heading was removed. Each chart ends with an accounting of appendices kept, removed, edited, and in one case added. The only universal removal of text is the sources at the end of each chapter found in all four volumes.

Summary of the Result

The following is a brief summary of changes made in the *One Volume* when incorporating material from the four volumes.

For *Systematic Theology* volume 1, all of chapter 29 “Summary of the Evidence for the Bible (541-546) along with both appendices, “Objections Against Theistic Arguments” (565-584) and “Do Historical Facts Speak for Themselves” (585-589) are removed.

For *Systematic Theology* volume 2, it does seem that mostly quotes from Church Fathers, Medieval, Reformation, and Post Reformation are removed. But the Church Fathers and Medieval are kept through chapter 30 Actuality and Simplicity and 31 Aseity and Necessity. Rarely is a section edited down, it is usually just deleted. All the appendices were kept except 3 “Various Views on Origins.” Appendix “Christology” adds a section titled “Christ’s Sinless Life and Humanness” 1507 (597-630). Appendix “Various Views of the ‘Days’ of Genesis” adds a paragraph on the “Relative Time View” 1533 (637-647).

For *Systematic Theology* volume 3, this kept the pattern of removing quotes but did retain them in some sections. The chart on page 1067 (544-545) is retitled and two columns are removed. All the appendices were removed except 5 “Wesleyan Perfectionism,” but this deletes quoted sections from B. B. Warfield.

For *Systematic Theology* volume 4, continues the pattern of removing quotes of early Church Fathers through Post Reformation teachers. They are kept for chapter 84 Covenants and chapter 85 Millennium. Appendices removed include “Were Tongues a Real Language?” “Has the Gift of Miracles Ceased?” and “Does the Resurrection Body Have the Same Particles Before Death.” Appendices on “Ultradispensationalism” and “Reincarnation” are significantly reduced leaving only an evaluation or arguments against.

For *Systematic Theology In One Volume*, the most significant addition is a new appendix 9 “Liberation Theology” which does not appear in any of the four volumes.

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