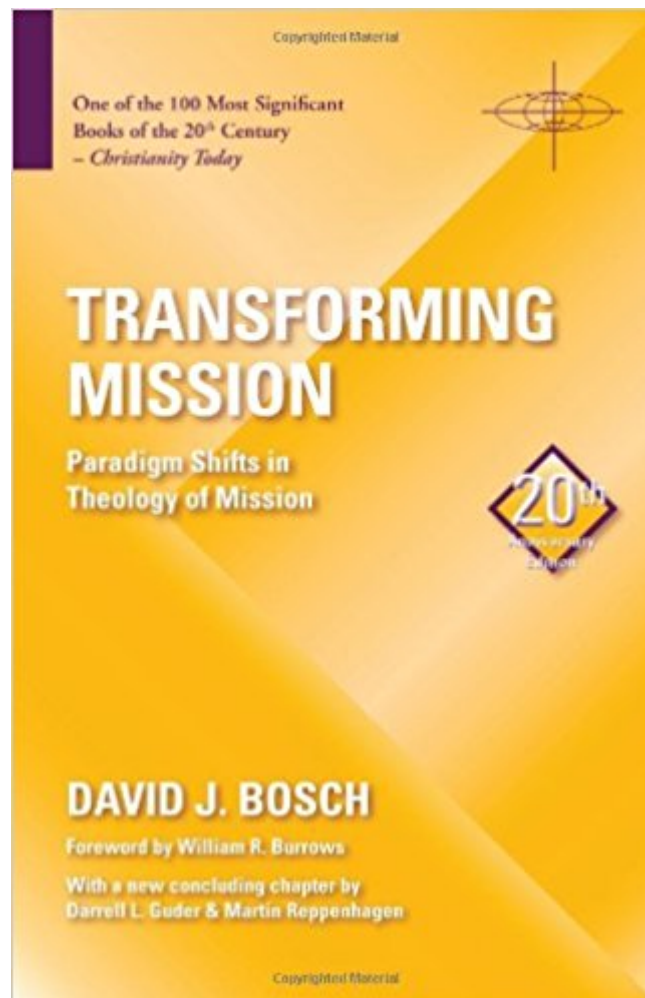




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Transforming Mission is a book that you will want to read more than once in order to fully comprehend the vast array of explanations, historical insights, thoughts and arguments presented by the author. However, the book is so packed full of information that reading it more than once is not an easy task. I am halfway through my second reading and so am starting to better grasp the authors overall arguments as the first time around I got lost in some of the detail. I will start with what this book is not. As you can guess from my first paragraph, it is not a beginners introduction to missions or a practical guide on how to be a missionary. That is not to say that the book is not practical, it is just that it is written in a very in-depth academic level with a strong emphasis on the history of the theology of missions and how that has been shaped and transformed throughout the centuries. You are only able to access the practical implications on modern missions once you have worked through all of that. I shall then go on to what the book is. As I mentioned in the last paragraph, it is a thorough discussion on how the theology of mission is presented by different Bible authors, followed by how it has been interpreted and implemented throughout church history with some conclusions drawn for the present. David Bosch seems to assume a fairly high understanding on the part of the reader with regards to both church history and the concerns of missiology. If the reader is new to either of these subjects then they will find this book a tough read. This book is not the easiest read, using many technical terms. It is probably best suited to somebody who has studied, or is studying, missiology, church history, theology etc. at postgraduate level. However, despite the dedication needed to read this book, it is the most comprehensive resource on this subject that I have come across. For this reason I would fully endorse the book to anyone interested in this field of study.

This has taken the thought of missions from being stern and merely a command to being an exciting way to live. It is remarkable. Recommended reading for anyone wanting to learn about missions today.

This book is so educative. It's missiological and historical blend with doctrinal discussions is very in-depth and profound. David Bosch is a missiologist of first rank. By reading it I have been able to

better understand major church epochs from a birds-eye view.

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