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## Critical Writings on Historical and Contemporary Evangelicalism

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Carl Trueman's book is a true 'tract for the times', the writing of a solidly-grounded Christian determined to cut through the confusion of modern evangelicalism. Oddly enough, the title, though no doubt intended to intrigue, put me off the book at first. I supposed that it was a critique of modern politics. Thank God it is far more interesting than that, as the subtitle makes clear. Essays on 'The Undoing of the Reformation' and 'Theology and the Church' give longer analysis, while the shorter essays in the second part deal intelligently with issues such as 'What can Middle-Class Christians Say to the Poor?' and 'Doubt: The