Since World War II, many efforts towards contextual Asian Christian theologies have been made. But how truly contextual are these? Theology and mission are inseparable, and a truly contextual theology is one which empowers the church in mission. This study applies four criteria to representative examples of Protestant Asian theology to assess their adequacy or otherwise as contextual and missiological theologies. These criteria are: relevance to sociopolitical context, enhancing the churches' evangelistic and pastoral ministries, inculturation, and faithfulness to the Christian tradition.

This study reveals certain discernible trends in Asian ecumenical and conservative theologies respectively, as well as their respective strengths and weaknesses. But the greatest problem with most present-day Asian Protestant theologies appears to be that, at heart, they have been dominated by western dualism and Enlightenment thought. Authentic Asian Christian theologies will only emerge when there is a dual recovery of confidence, in culture and in the gospel, within Asian Christianity.