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### **Encyclopedia of Early Christianity**

2013-10-08

first published in 1997 what s new in the second edition some 250 new entries twenty five percent more than in the first edition plus twenty five new expert contributors bibliographies are greatly expanded and updated throughout more focus on biblical books and philosophical schools their influence on early christianity and their use by patristic writers more information about the jewish and pagan environment of early christianity greatly enlarged coverage of the eastern expansion of the faith throughout asia including persons and literature more extensive treatment of saints monasticism worship practices and modern scholars greater emphasis on social history and more theme articles more illustrations maps and plans additional articles on geographical regions expanded chronological table also includes maps

# Backgrounds of Early Christianity

2003

new to this expanded updated edition are revisions of ferguson s original material updated bibliographies a fresh dicussion of first century social life the dead sea scrolls much else

# History and Literature of Early Christianity

2012-10-25

this work has established itself as a classical text in the field of new testament studies written in a readable non technical style it has become an indispensable textbook and reference for teachers students clergy and the educated layperson interested in a scholarly treatment of the new testament and its background in the judaic and greco roman world

# A New History of Early Christianity

2009-01-01

tracing the astonishing transformation that the early christian church underwent from sporadic niches of christian communities surviving in the wake of a horrific crucifixion to sanctioned alliance with the state charles freeman shows how freedom of thought was curtailed by the development of the concept of faith the imposition of correct belief and an institutional framework that enforced orthodoxy were both consolidating and stifling uncovering the church s relationships with judaism gnosticism greek philosophy and greco roman society freeman offers dramatic new accounts of paul the resurrection and the church fathers and emperors book jacket

# Landmarks in the History of Early Christianity

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### **Christianity and Society**

1999

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### Early Christianity

2006-04-18

examining sources and case studies this book explores early christianity how it was studied how it is studied now and how judaeo christian values came to form the ideological bedrock of modern western culture looking at the diverse source materials available from the earliest new testament texts and the complex treaties of third century authors such as lactantius to archaeology epigraphy and papyrology the book examines what is needed to study the subject what materials are available how useful they are and how the study of the subject may be approached case study chapters focus on important problems in the study of early christianity including the book of acts as a text revelatory of the social dynamics of cities and as a text about the inherent tensions in hellenistic judaism orthodoxy and organization in early christianity early christianity and the roman empire also including a comprehensive guide for students that lists major collections of literary and non literary sources major journals and series and major text books it is an excellent aid to the study of christianity in history

### A Study of Early Christianity

1973

helen rhee s outstanding work is the first book to bring together the apologies and the semi fictional apocryphal acts and martyr acts in a single study filling a significant gap in the scholarship she looks at christian self definition and self representation in the context of pagan christian conflict using an interdisciplinary approach historical literary theological sociological and anthropological rhee studies the christians in the formative period of their religion from mid first to early third centuries she examines how the forms of greco roman society were adapted by the christians to present the superiority of christian monotheism christian sexual morality and christian dis loyalty to the empire tackling broad topics including theology asceticism sexuality and patriotism this book explores issues of cultural identity and examines how these propagandist writings shaped the theological moral and political trajectories of christian faith and contributed largely to the definition of orthodoxy this thorough study will benefit all students of early christianity and greco roman literary culture and civilization

### **Early Christian Literature**

2005-04-28

interest in the ways of the early church has never been more intense what did early christians believe about the divinity of christ what were the beliefs of those who sat at the feet of jesus disciples now for the first time a unique dictionary has been developed to allow easy access to the ancient material and furnish ready answers to these questions and others like them david w bercot has painstakingly combed the writings of these early church leaders and categorized the heart of their thinking into more than 700 theological moral and historical topics to create a dictionary of early christian beliefs wonderfully suited for devotional or thematic study as well as sermon illustration this resource offers a window into the world of the early church and affords special opportunity to examine topically the thoughts of students of the original apostles as well as other great lights in the life of the early church collects relevant comments on key christian concepts from prominent

figures such as origen clement of alexandria clement of rome and hippolytus includes key biblical verses associated with a given topic offers brief definitions of unfamiliar terms or concepts allowing easy access to the ancient material provides a who s who of ante nicene christianity to put in context the ancient christian writers discusses more than 700 key theological moral and historical topics gives strategic cross references to related topics functions as a topical index to the writings of ante nicene fathers

# **Dictionary of Early Christian Beliefs**

### 2021-04-18

ferdinand christian baur 1792 1860 has been described as the greatest and at the same time the most controversial theologian in german protestant theology since schleiermacher the controversy was epitomized by a nineteenth century british critic who wrote that his theory makes of christianity a thing of purely natural origin calls in question the authenticity of all but a few of the new testament books and makes the whole collection contain not a harmonious system of divine truth but a confused mass of merely human and contradictory opinions as to the nature of the christian religion the contributors to this volume however regard baur as an epoch making new testament scholar whose methods and conclusions though superseded have been mostly affirmed during the century and a half since his death this collection focuses on the history of early christianity although as a historian of the church and theology baur covered the entire field up to own time he combined the most exacting historical research with a theological interpretation of history influenced by kant schelling and hegel the first three chapters discuss baur s relation to strauss mohler and hegel then a central core of chapters considers his historical and exegetical perspectives judaism and hellenism gnosticism new testament introduction and theology the pauline epistles the synoptic gospels john the critique of miracle and the combination of absoluteness and relativity the final chapters view his influence by analyzing the reception of baur in britain baur and harnack and baur and practical theology this work offers a multi faceted picture of his thinking which will stimulate contemporary discussion

# Ferdinand Christian Baur and the History of Early Christianity

2017

paul barnett not only places the new testament within the world of caesars and herods proconsuls and pharisees sadducee and revolutionaries but argues that the mainspring and driving force of early christian history is the historical jesus

### Jesus and the Rise of Early Christianity

2002-04-17

where most books dance around the distasteful details of the church s past this one puts a spotlight on the negative and positive alike with one ear attuned to the early church and another to contemporary culture this book addresses the growing concerns both christians and non christians have about how transparent the church has been about its roots this book offers a forthright depiction of early christianity beginning with the apostles and ending after the time of augustine sinners and saints is the first of a four volume series that humanizes the history of christianity by honestly examining the actions doctrines decisions groups movements and practices of past christians this book s assessment helps the reader accurately understand christianity s background and recognize how it continues to shape the present

# **Social Aspects of Early Christianity**

1983

provides an introduction to the academic study of early christianity c 100 600 ad and examines the vast geographical area impacted by the early church in western and eastern late antiquity from publisher description

### **Sinners and Saints**

2018

brings a new approach to the interpretation of the sources used to study the early christian era reading history backwards this book will interest teachers and students of new testament studies from around the world of any denomination and readers of early christianity and patristics

### Encyclopedia of Early Christianity

1997

what it was like to be a christian in the early centuries

### The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Studies

2008-09-04

this beautifully designed full color textbook introduces the roman background of the new testament by immersing students in the life and culture of the thriving first century towns of pompeii and herculaneum which act as showpieces of the world into which the early christian movement was spreading bruce longenecker a leading scholar of the ancient world of the new testament discusses first century artifacts in relation to the life stories of people from the roman world the book includes discussion questions maps and 175 color photographs additional resources are available through textbook esources

# Writing the History of Early Christianity

### 2019-03-14

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### **Between Two Worlds**

1999

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### **In Stone and Story**

2020-02-18

one of the most conspicuous innovations of early christianity within greco roman culture is its reliance upon a collection of authoritative texts the ultimate author of scripture was thought to be god himself whose will could and should be sought and found in these holy writings for this reason it is not surprising that very soon these texts not only became the object of careful attention and scholarly study but also put their stamp on the various forms and manifestations of early christian life such as martyrdom asceticism liturgy art and literature this multifarious influence of scripture is the subject of the impact of scripture in early christianity it contains fourteen contributions predominantly in english by belgian and dutch scholars which have been gathered in a thematically ordered collection

### A Literary History of Early Christianity: The heretical sects

1893

when the historian has described the rise and fall of empires and dynasties and has recounted with care and exactness the details of the great political movements that have changed the map of continents there remains the question what was the cause of these revolutions in human society what were the real motives that were operative in the hearts and minds of the persons in the great drama of history that has been displayed the mere chain of events as they have passed before the eye as it surveys the centuries does not give an explanation of itself there must be a cause that lies behind these events and of which they are but the effects this cause the true cause of history lies in the minds and hearts of the men and nations the student of the past is coming more and more to see that the only hope of making history a science and not a mere chronicle is to be found in the clear ascertainment and study of those psychological conditions which have made actions what they were foremost among those conditions have been the hopes aspirations and ideals of men and women these have been the greatest motive forces in the history of the world these quite as much as merely selfish considerations have guided the conduct of the men who have made history not merely those who have been leaders in the great movements of society but the multitude of followers who have not attracted the attention of historians but have nevertheless given the strength and force to the revolutions of the world the deepest interest in the history of christian women lies in the way in which woman s status in society has been modified by the new religion the chronicle of saintly life and deeds is a part of that history but there are also women who have signally failed to attain those virtues for which their religion called these too have their place for both have either forwarded or retarded the realization of woman s place in society often the heathen spirit is but half concealed under the mask of christianity but the whole tone of society has been cha

### HIST OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY

2016-08-26

excerpt from the evolution of early christianity a genetic study of first century christianity in relation to its religious environment of christian origins must first orient himself in the life of the times if he would understand the genesis of the new religion as well as the literature it produced the possibility of obtaining this orientation has greatly increased in recent years much help may now be derived

from the historical study of religions as a whole which supplies certain broad principles capable of general application these results emphasize the necessity of taking account of psychological processes in the rise and development of all religions and they make clear the importance of social and cultural forces for the determination of religious phenomena but more immediate help comes from observing the actual historical situation in which the early christians lived within the last half century various scholars have devoted themselves to the study of later judaism with the result that the historian can now know for the most part the actual religious situation which conditioned the lives of the first disciples on jewish soil about the publisher forgotten books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books find more at forgottenbooks com this book is a reproduction of an important historical work forgotten books uses state of the art technology to digitally reconstruct the work preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy in rare cases an imperfection in the original such as a blemish or missing page may be replicated in our edition we do however repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works

### **Introduction to the New Testament: History and literature of early Christianity**

### 1982

in 100 a d christianity was practiced only by a small oppressed minority three hundred years later christianity had become one of the world's major religions but this change did not happen easily the imperial government of rome intellectual tradition and battles within the church itself influenced the transformation every viewpoint had its champions and opponents and whether they were defenders of the faith or those whom history later labeled heretics they were part of the early evolution of christianity this volume discusses more than 50 figures who played a role in the transformation from primitive christianity to early medieval catholicism as it examines the lives and influence of imperial rulers such as constantine proponents of the intellectual tradition including gregory of neocaesaria and julius africanus and early bible translators such as tatian origen and jerome the work provides a fascinating look at christian history

### **The Impact of Scripture in Early Christianity**

### 2015-12-22

many of the problems afflicting american education are the result of a critical shortage of qualified teachers in the classrooms the teacher crisis is surprisingly resistant to reforms and is getting worse this analysis of the causes underlying the crisis seeks to offer concrete affordable proposals for effective reform vivian troen and katherine boles two experienced classroom teachers and education consultants argue that because teachers are recruited from a pool of underqualified candidates given inadequate preparation and dropped into a culture of isolation without mentoring support or incentives for excellence they are programmed to fail half quit within their first five years troen and boles offer an alternative a model of reform they call the millennium school which changes the way teachers work and improves the quality of their teaching becomes a real profession they contend more academically able people will be drawn into it colleges will be forced to improve the quality of their education and better prepared teachers will enter the classroom and improve the profession

### Archaeology and History in the Study of Early Christianity

### 1988

the life and times of the early church were every bit as exciting as our own but the living pulse of early christian life worship and controversy is too often submerged beneath the text of standard introductions to early christian history here from laurie guy is an introduction to christianity of the first four centuries that is readable but not lightweight interesting but not superficial informative but not technical it is a welcome supplement to chronological histories of the early church a vantage point from which readers may sit aloft and view the broad patterns in the historical terrain from the apostolic fathers to the great ecumenical councils we see the church undergoing persecution and martyrdom and then rising to favor under constantine shaping its ministry and order while worshiping and developing its understanding of doctrine baptism and eucharist asceticism and monasticism and the developing roles of women unfold in this thematic account of the rise of great tradition christianity richly illustrated and filled out with maps charts and close up windows on related topics introducing early christianity will inform the curious and enliven courses in early church history

### Women of Early Christianity

1908-01-01

spectacular recent discoveries and a stream of material artifacts have heightened interest in what archaeology can tell us about early christianity the first of its kind william frend s important and engaging work tells the full story of the archaeological search for early christianity he shows how despite nationalisms religious rivalry and personal ambition archaeology since napoleon s time has excavated important sites and developed scientific methods to explore them he explains the important light archaeology sheds on the art architecture and social world of christians in the roman empire he shows how archaeology enriches our understanding of jewish christian relations in the first centuries and provides clues to long ignored popular religion and non orthodox traditions of the donatists manichees and monophysites and he shows how archaeology decisively corrects and modifies text based scholarly consensus on the mission of christianity in the roman empire

### **The Evolution of Early Christianity**

2018-02-28

the general condition of religion in the roman empire at the beginning of the christian era was one of far advanced disintegration and rapid synthesis in every district there could be found the remains of old local religions which retained the loyalty of the conservative but no longer aroused any vital response in the emotions of the multitudes or in the interest of the educated

# **Encyclopedia of Early Christianity**

1990

donated by sydney harris

### **Shapers of Early Christianity**

#### 2010-06-28

from the preface this book does not aim to furnish a detailed account of the territorial doctrinal ecclesiastical and literary developments of early christianity it seeks rather to analyze and interpret the environmental forces which stimulated nourished or directed the growth of the new religion consequently interest centers mainly in the lives of actual persons whose activities were related to a specific setting within which they worked out their various problems this study accordingly deals primarily with the origins of the christian movement and only secondarily with the writings which the movement produced sporadically and sometimes quite incidentally in the process of expansion later generations have become so accustomed to think of the new testament as the source of their religion that they with difficulty appreciate the situation of the early christians during that spontaneous and formative period when the champions of the new faith were performing their work without the aid of any distinctively christian scriptures when the new testament books were ultimately assembled they preserved records of christian activity and thinking from different localities and various periods and so these writings constitute an important source of information for the study of christian origins must first orient himself in the life of the times if he would understand the genesis of the new religion as well as the literature it produced the possibility of obtaining this orientation has greatly increased in recent years much help may now be derived from the historical study of religions as a whole which supplies certain broad principles capable of general application these results emphasize the necessity of taking account of psychological processes in the rise and development of all religions and they make clear the importance of social and cultural forces for the determination of religious phenomena but more immediate help comes from observing the actual

### The Spirit of Early Christian Thought

### 2003-01-01

why is the resurrection of christ so remote almost non existent in many early christian writings of the first 140 years of christianity this is the first patristic book to focus on the development of the belief in the resurrection of christ through the first centuries a d by paul christ s resurrection is regarded as the basis of christian hope in the fourth century it becomes a central christian tenet but what about the discrepancy in the first three centuries this thought provoking book explores this core topic in christian culture and theology taking a broad approach including iconography archaeology history philosophy jewish studies and theology markus vinzent offers innovative reading of well known biblical and other texts complemented by rarely discussed evidence christ s resurrection in early christianity takes the reader on a fascinating journey through the wilderness of unorthodox perspectives in the breadth of early christian writings it is an eye opening experience with insights into the craftsmanship of early christianity and the earliest existential debates about life and death and life all centred on the cross on suffering enduring and sacrifice

### **Introducing Early Christianity**

#### 2009-09-20

this major work draws on current archaeological and textual research to trace the spread of christianity in the first millennium william tabbernee an internationally renowned scholar of the history of christianity has assembled a team of expert historians to survey the diverse forms of early christianity as it spread across centuries cultures and continents organized according to geographical areas of the late antique world this book examines what various regions looked like before and after the introduction of christianity how and when was christianity or a new form or expression of it introduced into the region how were christian life and thought shaped by the particularities of the local setting and how did christianity in turn influence or reshape the local culture the book s careful attention to local realities adds depth and concreteness to students understanding of early christianity while its broad sweep introduces them to first millennium precursors of today s variegated globalized religion numerous photographs sidebars and maps are included

### The Archaeology of Early Christianity

#### 1996

nothing illustrates this so well as the history of christianity for no religion is so well known the facts are plainly visible and would be plainly seen by all were it not for the general tendency of ecclesiastical scholarship to consult the records of the past only to find the reflection of its own features the general condition of religion in the roman empire at the beginning of the christian era was one of far advanced disintegration and rapid synthesis in every district there could be found the remains of old local religions which retained the loyalty of the conservative but no longer aroused any vital response in the emotions of the multitudes or in the interest of the educated at that time and for many generations afterward the roman landowners to take one example maintained the ceremonies and customs of an agricultural animism which for their ancestors had been a living religion but for them had become aesthetic conventional and superstitious an appendage to life not its driving force those who wish can read a description of it written with a sympathy possible only for one who felt the analogy of his own experience in the pages of marius the epicurean in which walter pater by a wonderful tour de force wove an exact and scholarly knowledge of the original documents into such a web of artistic english that the deep learning of the book cannot be appreciated except by those who have some small share in it themselves

### Landmarks in the History of Early Christianity

### 2015-02-23

a ground breaking introductory textbook for the study of the new testament and the first christians written for the next generation of students comparing christianities an introduction to the new testament and the first christians maps the historical rise of christianity out of a network of early christian movements this major new textbook systematically explores the struggles to define the faith by presenting christianity as the result of a lengthy process of religious consolidation which emerged from a landscape of persistent christian diversity the book delves into the history of the first five generations of christians from paul to origen the first chapter considers the challenges of constructing christian histories and offers a new model of christian families to organize and explain the emergence and competition of different varieties of christianity each successive chapter focuses on key issues that christian leaders engaged over the centuries demonstrating how the questions they posed and the answers they provided gave christianity its distinct shape as the movements competed for social advantage christianit performs and other shared patterns of thought and practice this chapter also explains where the varieties of christianities came from and how the process of consolidation undertaken by some churches shaped christian identity within a forge of intolerance that still affects us today comparing christianities explores the answers to questions who were the early christians suffering and death what rituals did the first christians practice and what did their religious experiences mean to them how did christians live in a roman dominated world how did the first christian introduction to religion new testament studies christian origins world religions and western world religions and a thought provoking resource for anyone wishing to know more about christianity

# **A Treasury of Early Christianity**

### 1953

discover essential reliable information on over 800 christian personalities groups and literature to the end of the sixth century a d in this unique concise volume it includes descriptions of the principal sects and heresies that challenged orthodox christianity on several fronts during the early years a remarkably comprehensive work this volume evolved from the distinguished four volume dictionary of christian biography and literature for anyone serious about the early church and the people who made indelible marks in its story this is a fundamental resource features reliable sketches of major christian personalities of the first six centuries analyzes the documents creeds and literature of the early church and its opponents describes the principal sects and heretics of early christianity including discussions of the theological tendencies of these opponents covers more than 600 years of church history in one convenient volume

### **The Evolution of Early Christianity**

### 2014-09-19

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### **Christ's Resurrection in Early Christianity**

2016-05-23

### **Early Christianity in Contexts**

2014-11-18

### Landmarks in the History of Early Christianity

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### **Comparing Christianities**

2023-10-16

# A Dictionary of Early Christian Biography and Literature to the End of the Sixth Century A.D.

1999

# The Pagan Background of Early Christianity

1925

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