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Epiphanies of the Divine in the Septuagint and the New Testament

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Women, Gender, and Sex in the End-Time

Household Roles in 1 Corinthians 7

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In 1 Corinthians 7 Paul advises not marrying, unless one »burns.« No exception is made for marrying to have children. Judith Gundry seeks to explain Paul's striking departure from biblical teaching on marriage and procreation as obligations based on being created »male and female« to »be fruitful and multiply.«

She argues that 1 Corinthians 7 is best read in the light of ancient texts on marriage and procreation to establish and perpetuate households. In Greco-Roman antiquity, the household was essential not only to the future of the cosmos and welfare of the state, but also to individual men facing their own mortality. Men married to establish households and obtain legitimate children as heirs to carry on their names and family lines. This required women to bear children, and children to perform duties in honor of their parents. The household thus determined social roles. But from a Jewish apocalyptic or early Christian perspective, things looked different. The resurrection of the dead had begun, suggesting a diminished purpose for marriage. The eschatological distress was impending, implying that affliction rather than blessing would befall procreators. The ideal of concord was unattainable in communities divided into competing households. Some had already joined celibate communities where members pursued contemplation or mutual service, rather than heirs and individual households. Judith Gundry shows that Paul's directives and advice in 1 Corinthians 7 compare well with such perspectives. Paul's advice to prefer celibacy – for those who could avoid sexual immorality – was a recommendation of childlessness over abundant fertility. His warning to the married about affliction in the impending distress was an attempt to spare them the awful consequences of procreation in the end-times. His instruction to husbands to curtail sex with their wives hinted at giving up the conventional use of wives to obtain heirs, and instead having nonprocreative sex. His allowance of sexual abstinence in marriage by mutual agreement «for a suitable time» alluded to an ancient contraceptive method. His description of Christ-believers' children as »consecrated« to God undercut their significance for perpetuating households.

Gundry concludes that being created »male and female« (hence, sexual differences) mattered to Paul without entailing the obligation to procreate and other gender-specific roles integral to the household. This view is contradicted in the later Pauline tradition (Colossians, Ephesians, and the Pastoral Epistles), where the household again plays a key role.



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Images of the Human Being

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This collection of essays presents the papers given at the Eighth International Orthodox-Western Symposium of New Testament Scholars in the Caraiman Monastery (Romania). The symposium was a project of the Eastern Europe Liaison Committee (EELC) of Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas. Main subject matters of the volume are images and stories of the human being according to the New Testament and church tradition. All topics are discussed from a »western« (Protestant and Roman-Catholic) exegetical perspective as well as from an eastern orthodox point of view. In addition, several seminar papers deal with anthropological texts and conceptions in Paul, the synoptic Gospels, and John as well as with Philo and extra-canonical writings. A particular section presents reports on biblical scholarship in Romania, past and present.

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Hooker, Morna D.

Old and New

Essays on Continuity and Discontinuity in the New Testament

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This volume's essays by Morna D. Hooker were written over a period of more than fifty years (1970–2021) and include two previously unpublished essays. They all deal with the theme of continuity and discontinuity – primarily between first-century Judaism and early Christianity – and explore the different ways in which New Testament writers interpreted their experience of Jesus, drawing on their own cultures and beliefs. Evangelists and letter-writers alike attempted to show how their new beliefs were 'in accordance with the scriptures', though those beliefs inevitably shaped the ways in which they read the scriptures. Alongside essays on the Gospels and Paul, the collection also features an exploration of how Paul himself was in turn interpreted by Luther, illustrating the way in which continuity and discontinuity are to be seen in every generation.

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Kazen, Thomas / Roitto, Rikard

Revenge, Compensation, and Forgiveness in the Ancient World

A Comparative Study of Interpersonal Infringement and Moral Repair

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Ethik der Zeit – Zeiten der Ethik

**Ethische Temporalität in Antike und Christentum. Kontexte und Normen neutestamentlicher Ethik /
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This volume collects sixteen essays published by Troels Engberg-Pedersen between 1994 and 2023 in which he analyses Pauline texts and themes philosophically, often using ancient philosophy (particularly Stoicism) as a comparison to invigorate traditional theological exegesis of Paul. Published in chronological order, the essays are preceded by a substantial introduction tracing their analytical development. This leads to a final account of Paul's message, bringing all the issues together in a single strand. Among the central themes tackled are the relationship between 'theology' and 'ethics', the logical form of Pauline 'moral exhortation', the understanding of 'flesh' and 'spirit', the logic of action, personhood and Paul's soteriology. Along the way, Paul's 'apocalypticism' and his relationship with Judaism gain in importance, with the analysis reaching its goal in an explication of the notion of the 'Christ circle'.

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Die Johannesapokalypse

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Even still in the twenty-first century, the last book of the Bible remains a book »sealed with seven seals«(Rev. 5:1). Only when considering the different perspectives of history, theology and reception can the meaning and special significance of Revelation be opened up, not only within theology, but also within Western art and culture.

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Perspectives on Paul and Jewish Identity

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This conference volume features cutting edge research from an international cohort of scholars on the still-controversial debates regarding Paul's relationship with Judaism. Taken together, the contributions represent a sympathetic but critical assessment of the *Paul within Judaism* approach to Pauline interpretation. They take up many of the key questions germane to the debate, including different perspectives on Jewish identity, ethnicity, Torah-observance, halakha, the relationship between Jewish and non-Jewish followers of Christ, and the contested character of Jewish identity in antiquity. By combining a broad swath of both German- and English-language scholarship, the volume attempts to bring different perspectives into conversation with each other.

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The topic of covenant is as important to the study of ancient Near Eastern religions, Second Temple Judaism, early Christian literature, and the early Christian Church and Rabbinic Judaism as it is complex and disputed among ancient and modern scholars. It permeates much of biblical and cognate literature throughout many centuries. The essays in this collection explore the diverse spectrum of covenant concepts that emerged during this time period in different parts of the ancient Near East and the Eastern Mediterranean. They also discuss theological implications and later applications in mostly religious texts from different scholarly perspectives. The result is a detailed, comprehensive, and thorough presentation of the tremendous range of covenantal concepts and their complexities in biblical and cognate literature throughout the ages, together with a keen look at the history of pertinent scholarly research.

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A Story of Epoch-Making Proximity to the Divine through Victory and Cult

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The Gospel of Mark pointedly opens with the statement, »the beginning of the gospel«. This raises the question: What does 'the gospel' (τὸ εὐαγγέλιον) mean to Mark? Traditionally, an explanation has been found in the so-called 'religious use' of the notion of the 'messenger on the mountain' in Isa 40:9 and 52:7, paving the way for an understanding of Jesus's death as a sin sacrifice connected to Isa 53. Under the influence of recent postcolonial and/or anti-imperial reading strategies, however, Mark's gospel notion has rather been understood as tailored to counter a Roman dressing of the emperor as 'gospels' to the world. Morten Hørning Jensen re-investigates the entire concept of 'gospel' and concludes that Mark uses the concept to communicate the 'epoch-making victory' he finds to be the product of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

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Jesus als Lehrer

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A Grammar of the Ethics of John

Reading the Letters of John from an Ethical Perspective. Volume 2

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Jan G. van der Watt analyses in detail the ethics of John's Letters against their respective socio-historical backgrounds. He then compares the ethics of the Gospel and Letters, showing that the basic core narrative overlaps in these writings, although some ethical material is applied in different ways to different situations. A rich ethical landscape is revealed, addressing issues like the importance of inter-personal relations, which results in co-operation through mutual love. The author shows that the focus in 1 John is pastoral, aiming at convincing the addressees not to be deceived by the schismatics but to strengthen their relationship with the eyewitness group. In 2 John, advice is given about visitors who threaten the church with false teachings, while 3 John deals with a conflict about receiving travelling missionaries. In both cases ethical guidelines are given which aim at protecting the group.

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That man will experience bodily resurrection after death is an idea that the early Christians held on to despite criticism from their Greco-Roman environment. This idea, however, had to be made plausible with the intellectual presuppositions of the time. Christine Jacobi examines ancient texts that make this attempt, attributing a key role to the body of the risen Christ, which is revealed on Easter morning and can be received in the Eucharist. In this way, the ancient texts also combine Christological and sacramental theological insights with the concept of resurrection.

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Phänomene des Zweifels und der Zweiseeligkeit im frühen Christentum

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Doubt is a symbol of modernity, but it is still sidelined in biblical studies. In this study, Benjamin Schliesser presents for the first time a synopsis of the early Christian discussion of doubt in the context of the ancient religious and intellectual history. It reveals a surprisingly multifaceted discourse, which will also stimulate present-day theological reflection.

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Along with baptism, the celebration of the Eucharist is one of the oldest liturgical rites in Christianity. Following the latest developments in research, and based on certain text corpora, the traditional image of the age of this type of mass has been revised. Based on these findings, Predrag Bukovec attempts a history of the Eucharist in early Christianity. He focuses in particular on the current paradigm shift which accents the plurality of the types of celebrations in the context of orality.

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De 2 à 4 Maccabées

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Dans la présente monographie, Emmanuel Weiss étudie la façon dont l'auteur de 4 Maccabées combine plusieurs sources, dont la principale est certainement 2 Maccabées. Cet auteur ne se contente pas de reproduire le récit du martyre d'Eléazar et des sept frères, il le réécrit en profondeur. La théologie de 4 Maccabées se démarque de celle de 2 Maccabées: le lexique de la souveraineté y est transféré de Dieu à la Raison humaine qui, conformément aux représentations stoïcisme tardif, est la partie supérieure de l'âme, qui a néanmoins besoin d'un guide, la Loi juive donnée par Dieu. Ce faisant, l'auteur de 4 Maccabées justifie paradoxalement une vision assez traditionnelle du Judaïsme en l'appuyant sur des conceptions empruntées à la culture dominante de langue grecque.

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Collected Essays on the Gospel According to Mark

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This volume presents essays by Adela Yarbro Collins on the Gospel of Mark originally published between 1993 and 2021. The earlier ones were written while preparing to write the *Hermeneia* commentary on Mark, published in 2007. The later ones reflect the author's continuing interest in the interpretation of this Gospel. Major foci of the collection are the genre of Mark and of the passion narrative, and the meaning of the death of Jesus. She approaches the portrayal of Jesus in Mark by analyzing a particularly striking miracle-story, the walking on the water; the title Son of God; Jesus's action in the temple; the messianic secret; and particular aspects of Jesus's Jewishness. Another important topic is the significance of the empty tomb, that is, how the author of Mark envisioned the resurrected life of Jesus. Clues to this are found in the cultural contexts in which the Gospel was written.

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In Search of Truth in the Pseudo-Clementine Homilies

New Approaches to a Philosophical and Rhetorical Novel of Late Antiquity

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The contributors of this volume set out to explore some new approaches to the fourth-century Christian novel traditionally known as the Pseudo-Clementine *Homilies* or *Klementia*. They raise and answer questions about this narrative by approaching it as an original rhetorical, and philosophical novel. The volume seeks to improve understanding of this text as a late antique novel with its own textual unity. It pays attention both to its literary qualities as well as to the role of rhetorical education, the reception of Sophistic traditions, and ancient philosophy. It includes theological reflections and discusses the role of the Homilistic author, his skills in the field of *paideia*, and his reflections on truth. In this way, the contributors offer new insights into the Pseudo-Clementine *Homilies* as a unique novel from late antique Syria.

Common Ground and Diversity in Early Christian Thought and Study

Essays in Memory of Heikki Räisänen

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During his long scholarly career, Heikki Räisänen (1941–2015) touched upon many key questions in the study of early Christianity. The topics of his research ranged from the detailed study of various New Testament writings to methodological reflections on the theoretical foundations of biblical studies. In this book, international scholars deal with many of the issues that were prominent in Räisänen's research and that continue to be debated. The contributors build upon Räisänen's legacy as well as recent advancements in the study of early Christianity. The volume comprises four sections organized around topics central to Räisänen's scholarship. These include methodological »fair play«, the non-confessional study of early Christianity, Pauline scholarship, and biblical reception in religious communities, including early Islam.

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Judaism for Gentiles

Reading Paul beyond the Parting of the Ways Paradigm

In collaboration with Rebecca Runesson

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For almost two millennia, readers of the New Testament have been trying to figure out Paul. The struggle with his words begins already within the canon itself. While Acts portrays with ease a Torah-observant, Pharisaic-messianic Paul working in partnership with James and other leaders in Jerusalem, the author of 2 Peter famously admitted that the apostle to the nations is difficult to understand. From that moment on debate has ebbed and flowed on all things Pauline; on women as leaders in assemblies and on the status of Jews and Gentiles in God's plan, just to mention two of the contentious topics associated with Paul. For clergy, scholar, and lay person, Paul's letters hold weight and continue to draw in new readers. Anders Runesson seeks to listen to the voice of the historical Paul – a Jew proclaiming a form of Judaism to non-Jews to save them from divine wrath – but also to probe what it means to breathe new life into this historical figure in the twenty-first century.

»The Paul-within-Judaism movement is here to stay, and Anders Runesson is arguably its most hermeneutically sophisticated spokesperson. In this remarkable book, Runesson expertly guides us through difficult questions of social history, exegesis, ancient reception history, and modern constructive theology, all of which we need in order to understand Paul 'beyond the parting of the ways paradigm.'«

Matthew V. Novenson, University of Edinburgh

»In this compelling book, Anders Runesson incarnates Roman-period types of Judaism—thus, the seedbed of later Christianities—with their institutional matrix, the ancient synagogue. Radically reconceiving the so-called "parting of the ways," he traces a developmental arc from Paul through Theodosius I to explore how and why this apocalyptic Jewish movement, with its odd outreach to ethnic others, became the anti-Jewish arm of the late Roman state. If new ideas are food for thought, Runesson has served a feast.«

Paula Fredriksen, author of »Paul, the Pagans' Apostle«

»This is the mature fruit of intensive research over a significant period of time, drawing together Runesson's explorations on Paul and Pauline theology, locating him firmly within his Jewish context on the one hand, and taking seriously that he is addressing gentiles. The historical depth and methodological rigor as well as the key awareness of hermeneutical presuppositions render this a rich and challenging source for scholars and students alike. But this is not only another academic contribution to the important field of Pauline studies, Runesson demonstrates how this approach to Paul is also relevant for theologizing in contemporary churches and interreligious interaction today. Thus the volume is a must for all engaged in Pauline Studies as well as in contemporary church and interreligious work.«

Kathy Ehrensparger, Abraham Geiger Kolleg, Potsdam

»In recent years, Anders Runesson has emerged as a leading voice in the (distinct but related) projects of reading Matthew and Paul »within Judaism.« In this significant volume on Paul, he draws on material from a number of his previous articles and book chapters, working it into a cohesive and comprehensive account of Paul's »Judaism for gentiles« and its place within a larger interpretive horizon. Over against approaches that see Paul as the architect of a »parting of the ways,« Runesson understands him as working towards a »joining of the ways«—mixed groups of Jewish and gentile Christ-believers existing within the larger environment of Jewish diaspora synagogues. An impressive achievement, highly recommended.«

Terence L. Donaldson, Professor Emeritus, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto

»In these important essays, Anders Runesson provides readers with an account of a thoroughly embodied and socially embedded Paul, a first-century Jewish Messiah follower seeking to live in the Roman world. The volume is a must read for anyone interested in thinking about the historical Paul.«

Matthew Thiessen, McMaster University, Hamilton

»Anders Runesson takes his readers beyond the familiar constructions of Paul, significantly advancing the discussion of how to understand him and his movement. Historical and textual details are interrogated with clear, methodological discipline. The investigation is thoughtful, engaging, and accessible to informed non-specialists as well as scholars.«

Mark D. Nanos, PhD, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, author of »Reading Paul within Judaism«

»Anders Runesson's essays impress for three reasons: First, by breaking with classical models of explanation, his handling of



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the reconstruction of early Christianity is not only innovative, but when set against the backdrop of historical and hermeneutical considerations, opens up further approaches and new perspectives. Second, because he is well-versed in dealing with literary and archaeological sources, Runesson is skillfully able to reorganize and interpret these factors. And finally, his contributions provide such a welcome interest in historical and theological research that even those who do not agree with all the results are constantly challenged to revisit well-trodden paths in search of fresh insights.«
Markus Öhler, University of Vienna

»Anders Runesson here presents a must-read for Pauline scholars. It is remarkable how much ground this book covers and masters in a thought-provoking way. It is almost like an advanced handbook on several issues pertaining to Paul. This is an in-depth study on matters of method, history of interpretation, historical context, Pauline mission, women in the letters, the Pauline legacy and hermeneutics, to mention some key issues being addressed. The book achieves the purpose of a scholarly book as it triggers questions and further discussions. These questions and discussions may not always embrace Runesson's conclusions, but they will certainly be refined if this book is a constant dialogue partner, setting an agenda for how Paul's theology and mission can be addressed.«
Karl Olav Sandnes, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

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Hentschel, Anni

Die Fußwaschungserzählung im Johannesevangelium

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Anni Hentschel offers a thorough analysis of ancient texts on foot washing and shows that this act can be variously interpreted. By washing the feet of his disciples as a teacher, Jesus constitutes the community of disciples as a community of love. With the mission of mutual love, Jesus sends them into the world as his messengers, just as he was sent by the Father. The Johannine washing of feet is above all ecclesiologically relevant.

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This volume includes 30 studies on the Gospel of John by Jörg Frey, written between 2009 and 2021, with a new introduction. The essays focus on programmatic topics, such as the logic of Johannine theology and the character of the gospel as a narrative memory of Jesus. Further highlighted are problems of Johannine Christology, such as the multiple resonances of the term 'logos', incarnation, and Docetism, while exemplary interpretations on the *semeia* narratives, the passion and Easter narrative, along with theological topics, including the discourse on God, faith and love, dualism and the understanding of 'the world' are also provided. The volume is concluded with studies on the context of the Gospel of John, the development of early Christianity in Ephesus, the 'Parting of the Ways' between Jews and Christians, the issue of Jewishness and a corresponding Johannine anti-Judaism.

Wischmeyer, Oda

Paulus. Beiträge zu einer intellektuellen Biographie

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Reflecting the dynamic development of Pauline research during the last two decades, the essays included in this volume at the same time serve the development of an own Pauline interpretation: beyond the new, the radical new and the »Paul within Judaism« perspectives on Paul. Paul is understood as a figure in the European history of ideas whose impact, however, has long since become a global one.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Lord's Prayer belongs at the core of Christian tradition. There is hardly any text of the New Testament more frequently cited in liturgical, group, and private settings. The contributions in this volume are the fruitful result of an international symposium held at the University of Tübingen in early October 2018. The volume examines the Lord's Prayer in conversation with Jewish tradition, situates it in relation to New Testament theology, and explores its reception history in early Christianity. Thus, the articles in this volume demonstrate the richness of the Lord's Prayer and its relevance for both Jewish and Christian identity.

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Paulus im Judentum seiner Zeit

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This collection of studies by Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr on Paul's biography, letters, and theology is introduced by two previously unpublished essays analysing the importance of Paul's origin as a diaspora Jew and the Jewish law for the theological arguments in his letters. Further essays are grouped around the topic of Christology and justification as well as the letter to the Romans.



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Ephesos as a Religious Center under the Principate

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Devotion to Artemis dominated the religious culture of ancient Ephesos. But she was not alone. The city of Ephesos and its environs offered a rich panoply of religious options, domestic and public. Structures, statutes, coins, inscriptions, and texts testify to the remarkable diversity of religious ideas and practices in Ephesos. Greek, Roman, Egyptian, and Jewish religious traditions found loyal adherents among residents and visitors. Gods, goddesses, heroes, and emperors were worshipped. The contributions in this volume demonstrate that ancient Ephesos was a vibrant and competitive religious environment.

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Caragounis, Chrys C.

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In this volume, Chrys C. Caragounis examines linguistic, exegetical, historical, and theological matters diachronically. The copious utilization of Hellenic sources from all periods of the language throws new light on the subjects discussed. Some of the highlights of the present volume include discussions of the concept of Logos and of the *Weltanschauung* of the New Testament authors, critiques of sociological reconstructions of Corinthian Christianity, and of the 'New Perspective on Paul', a comparison between immortality (Platon) and resurrection (Paul) as well as an informed treatment of expiation versus propitiation.

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Who was 'James'?

Essays on the Letter's Authorship and Provenance

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»Ready for Every Good Work« (Titus 3:1)

Implicit Ethics in the Letter to Titus. Kontexte und Normen neutestamentlicher Ethik/Contexts and Norms of New Testament Ethics. Vol. XIII
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No one can deny that the letter to Titus is about ethics and morality. »Good deeds« are mentioned several times, virtue and vice catalogues describe good and bad ways of living, and a household code addresses the different groups in the community. The moral of the letter, however, has been deemed highly problematic because of issues pertaining to gender and the social position of women and slaves, the hierarchy of the leadership in the congregation, and the believer's attitude with respect to society and government. As a result, the letter's ethics have either been heavily criticized, ignored or neglected in scholarship. The present volume explores the ethics in Titus with new methodologies and from different perspectives, including a variety of hermeneutical frames of reading from scholars in different traditions and denominations.

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Overcoming Dichotomies

Parables, Fables, and Similes in the Graeco-Roman World

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This volume aims to broaden our understanding of the related genres of parables, fables, and similes in the Graeco-Roman world. These genres, which make use of narrative analogy, appear in early Christian and ancient Jewish literatures and in various Graeco-Roman sources. However, despite the fact that these texts were part of the wider cultural context of Graeco-Roman antiquity, they have not yet been thoroughly studied in relation to each other. The present volume brings together contributions on a range of Graeco-Roman, Jewish, and Christian sources, so as to contribute to the study of parables, fables, and similes across disciplinary boundaries. The contributions highlight the fluid boundaries between these different genres, but also demonstrate how their adoption and adaption in different literary works give expression to the distinct identities of the composers.

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The Septuagint is an important source for the study of ancient Judaism and, in terms of textual development and theology, is to be embedded in the literature of the last three centuries BCE. At the same time, the Septuagint often is the authoritative reference text of ancient Christian reception of the so-called Old Testament. The essays collected in this volume deal in their first part with the interpretation of the Septuagint, primarily the historical and the prophetic books. Questions of textual criticism and theology are addressed in the two sections on the New Testament (Gospel of Mark, Acts, and Paul) and Patristics (Justin and Jerome, for example). The final section is devoted to the patristic interpretation of Old Testament texts (Gen 2–3; Gen 28:10–22; Jer 10:1–16; Psalms), themes (notion of God; pseudo-prophecy), and figures (Adam, Abraham, Hannah).

Kim, Seyoon

Paul's Gospel for the Thessalonians and Others

Essays on 1 & 2 Thessalonians and Other Pauline Epistles

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At first glance, Mark's Gospel and Plutarch's *Parallel Lives* seem to have little in common. In this work, Felix John subjects the two to their first comparative reading and uses narratological criteria to help ascertain their similarities and differences.

Der 1. Thessalonicherbrief und die frühe Völkermission des Paulus

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The present volume discusses the beginnings of Paul's missionary activity and his theological work in the context of the emergence of Christian communities. The focus of the investigations is the First Epistle to the Thessalonians, which provides insights into relevant theological ideas that are of lasting importance for Paul's theology.

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This volume brings together essays on John and Hebrews by William R. G. Loader. Beside his monographs on John and Hebrews are numerous contributions to journals, conference volumes, and Festschriften, of which a representative selection is gathered here into a single volume. They discuss how these writings portray Jesus and his significance and deal with continuity and discontinuity with Israel's tradition, as well as address the ethical issues which these texts raise and also evoke.

The Composition, Theology, and Early Reception of Matthew's Gospel

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The majority of the essays in this volume were originally presented at a colloquium held at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at KU Leuven in December 2018. The colloquium was linked to an international research project studying texts and traditions from the perspective of identity creation. The essays study Matthew's Gospel and the place it takes among the canonical gospels from the perspective of what is characteristically or distinctively »Matthean« about it. This common focus provides ample occasions for interesting analyses of core aspects of Matthew's composition technique, his theology, and his reception in mainstream Christianity. At the same time, contributors try to throw light on questions of a broader character with regard to the composition history of the gospels, the strategies authors can use to create distinction, and the selection process that guided their reception history.

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Die Pastoralbriefe und das Vermächtnis des Paulus

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Emphasizing the individual profiles of the Pastoral Epistles, the contributions in this volume provide a new perspective on the Pastoral Epistles which does not assume their composition as a literary work by a pseudonymous author. As a result, new aspects emerge with regard to the question of the historical placement of the individual letters.

Law and Justice in Jerusalem, Babylon and Hellas

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The present volume rounds off the trilogy of conference contributions on the theology of the Septuagint. As with the two preceding volumes (WUNT 387 and 432), experts who have earned particular merit in their individual fields of research and whose methodical reflection is rooted in a love of the Greek translation of the Old Testament are given free rein to express themselves on the »past – present – future« triptych of the Septuagint.

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Antike Fluchtafeln und das Neue Testament

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Cursing was an everyday phenomenon in the ancient world. Ancient people relied on the written word for curses that were supposed to be particularly effective. Many hundreds of such curse tablets (*defixiones*) have survived on lead and other written media. The texts allow a fascinating insight into a dark world of everyday life in antiquity, into how people dealt with competitive situations of all kinds and into experiences of injustice they had suffered. In these texts, ancient people give free rein to the satisfaction of their needs and the desire for revenge by resorting to superhuman powers. It is not uncommon for them to wish death on their counterparts. The contributions in this volume explore the ancient *defixiones* for the first time on a large scale from an exegetical perspective and in collaboration with scholars of classical studies, and draw on them in a productive way for the interpretation of New Testament texts.

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»By an Immediate Revelation«

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This volume of essays by Christopher Rowland, written during the last forty years, concerns the nature of apocalypticism and its reception history. His reading of apocalyptic texts is thereby colored not by immersion into the study of »apocalyptic« in biblical scholarship, but by acquaintance with early Jewish mysticism. One of the Oxford English Dictionary's definitions of »mystic« is one which helps to understand not only the mystical but also apocalyptic: a mystic is »one who believes in the possibility of the spiritual apprehension of truths that are inaccessible to the understanding.« This definition and the importance of the opening word of Revelation as an apocalypse – in other words, a writing whose form is revelatory –, are explored in these essays. As this understanding of apocalypticism contrasts with the eschatological character predominant in modern biblical scholarship, a theme of this collection therefore is that the eschatological elements in apocalyptic texts are not the determining feature of what constitutes »apocalyptic,« which must especially attend to the *revelatory form* of apocalyptic texts such as Revelation. The pervasiveness of apocalyptic and mystical elements in the New Testament is a consistent thread throughout the volume, which also includes consideration of the apocalyptic and eschatological thought of Joachim of Fiore and his disciples, the early modern appeal to visions and revelation, and culminates in the texts and images of William Blake (1757–1827). The collection's concern with the history of the reception of such ideas contributes to the vindication of Ernst Käsemann's view of apocalyptic being the »mother of Christian theology«.

Celebrating Arthur Darby Nock

Choice, Change, and Conversion

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Arthur Darby Nock (1902–1963) made lasting contributions to classical scholarship and the history of religion, including the study of ancient religion, magic, and the relationship of paganism to ancient Judaism and early Christianity. Almost ninety years after its publication, his work, *Conversion: The Old and New in Religion from Alexander the Great to Augustine of Hippo*, serves as an introduction to what is today an entire area of research encompassing history, literature (i.e., »conversion« as a literary genre), philosophy, psychology, and theology. The present volume features essays exploring the circumstances of religious transformation not only in early Christianity but also in other ancient religions and in philosophical schools – the various converts, the means by which followers attracted adherents, and the factors influencing and limiting their success.

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The present volume seeks to shed light on various facets of the theme of the House of God, primarily in biblical and parabiblical writings, but also in the writings of Jewish and Christian authors of antiquity and, beyond that, in the Qur'an, the Reformers, and up to the present day.

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Die Datierung neutestamentlicher Pseudepigraphen

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Determining the exact date of ancient writings is often a daunting task. And even more so if they were written under someone else's name. The contributions presented here focus on these pseudepigraphal letters which became part of the New Testament, and explore new paths to identify their specific dates of origin.

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Adam, sin, death and the law are the core elements of Paul's view of the pre-Christian history of humankind. Paul developed this view using the Apocalypse of Moses, with which he had become familiar in Jerusalem before he became a Christian, as his background. In this study, Jan Dochhorn reveals how the myth of Adam emerged among the Greek-speaking Jews in Jerusalem and identifies several parabiblical texts as products of this milieu, which probably had a greater impact on Pauline theology and early Christianity than other strands of ancient Judaism.

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Like Philo and Josephus, as well as those who earlier produced the Septuagint and the Hellenistic Jewish fragmentary texts, the writers of the New Testament were Jews writing in Greek. They may have been articulating and promoting a particular form of Jewish messianism that eventually became a distinctive form of religious belief, but in the first and early second centuries, those Christ-followers who were writing in various genres operated with many of the same assumptions as their Jewish counterparts in the land of Israel and in other places such as Alexandria and Rome. This collection of essays, spanning the scholarly career of Carl R. Holladay, investigates the Hellenistic Jewish writings in their own contexts and explores how they illuminate the writings of the New Testament. Included are six new essays on such topics as Hellenistic Judaism, the Beatitudes, and Luke-Acts.

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The essays in this volume, which span four decades, represent sustained reflection on the historical setting, narrative devices, and theology of the Gospel of John. Methodologically, the essays develop a narrative-critical approach to the Gospel, producing insights that have implications for historical and theological issues. Thematically, many of the essays explore the Gospel's ecclesiology, especially its vision for the church and its mission. As a collection, this volume provides an introduction to the Fourth Gospel, analyses of major issues (including John's anti-Judaism, relationship to 1 John, irony, imagery, creation ethics, evil, and eschatology), and in-depth exploration of key texts, especially John 1:1–18, 2:20; 4:35–38; 5:1–18; 5:21–30; 10:1–18; 12:12–15; 13:1–20; 19:16–30; 20:19–23; and chapter 21.

Der Nous bei Paulus und in seiner Umwelt

Griechisch-römische, frühjüdische und frühchristliche Perspektiven

Herausgegeben von Jörg Frey und Manuel Nägeli



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What is it that characterizes the human being? Is it the composition of somatic and psychic parts? Is it the mutual interaction of both? Or is it the cognitive ability of humans, self-reflection and self-awareness? Are humans mainly reason-driven, or are their actions rather guided by instincts? The issue of the meaning of *voūç* (*nous*, gr. »mind"/"spirit) in Antiquity and its anthropological implications leads straight to fundamental issues of contemporary anthropological discourses. In the present volume, philologists and theologians enter an interdisciplinary encounter. The central relevance of the term *voūç*, which has so far received little attention in Pauline exegesis, becomes evident in the various intellectual milieus around the New Testament.

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Historical, Literary, and Theological Readings from the Colloquium Ioanneum 2019 in Eisenach

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The contributions in this volume are by members of the Colloquium Ioanneum, an international group of Johannine scholars who meet every two years for discussion of a section of the Fourth Gospel. The proceedings of the 2019 meeting focus on the signs and accompanying discourses in John 5 and 6, which contributors approach using different methods of interpretation. Narrative issues include the characterization of Jesus, the disciples, and other figures, the construction of space, assumptions about the audience, creation motifs, and the role of intertextuality. Attention is given to Johannine perspectives on Christology, soteriology, eschatology, and judgment. Careful consideration is given to questions of the Gospel's use of eucharistic language and the origins of Johannine theology.

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Alexandria was one of the main hubs of the Hellenistic world and a cultural and religious »kaleidoscope.« Merchants and migrants, scientists and scholars, philosophers, and religious innovators from all over the world and from all social backgrounds came to this ancient metropolis and exchanged their goods, views, and dreams. Accordingly, Alexandria became a place where Hellenistic, Egyptian, Jewish, and early Christian identities all emerged, coexisted, influenced, and rivaled each other. In order to meet the diversity of Alexandria's urban life and to do justice to the variety of literary and non-literary documents that bear witness to this, the volume examines the processes of identity formation from a range of different academic perspectives. Thus, the present volume gathers together twenty-six contributions from the realm of archaeology, ancient history, classical philology, religious studies, philosophy, the Old Testament, narratology, Jewish studies, papyrology, and the New Testament.

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The present volume investigates the parables and related genres in early Christian literature. It considers not only Jesus' proclamation in parables, but also how parabolic genres were used in early Jewish and Greco-Roman literature. The final part is devoted to the early reception of Jesus' parables by Christian authors of the second and third centuries.

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Burnet, Régis

Exegesis and History of Reception

Reading the New Testament Today with the Readers of the Past



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Highlighted by the work of Hans-Georg Gadamer, the history of reception (*Wirkungsgeschichte*) is often misunderstood in biblical studies. Whereas it describes the historicity of the process of understanding, it is taken for an exegetical method among others. Through numerous concrete examples, Régis Burnet shows that taking into account the history of reception transcends methods. Not only does it make us aware of the prejudices that burden every act of reading, and thus relativize the claims of all exegetical methods to achieve a definitive interpretation of the biblical text, but it also makes it possible for the same methods to enter into dialogue with each other and more broadly with the theological tradition.

Baasland, Ernst

Radical Philosophy of Life

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Nicklas, Tobias

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The Gospels continue to defy efforts to fix 'generic' boundaries for determining their meanings. This volume discloses new stirrings and sightings of broader, more heuristically promising literary, rhetorical, and cultural registers which intersect in ancient *narrative*. The contributors seek to build upon or vigorously critique current generic hypotheses (biography, history, tragedy); to introduce recent insights and developments in genre theory; to probe ancient reception of the Gospels as works of literature; and to illuminate the relations between the literary characteristics of the Gospels and methodological advances in narratology, social memory, intertextuality, and performance.

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Berglund, Carl Johan

Origen's References to Heracleon

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In this monograph, Carl Johan Berglund reassesses Origen's references to the second-century philologist Heracleon, without presuming that Heracleon's exegesis is determined by views described in heresiological sources or that every reference is equivalent to a verbatim quotation. The author uses variations in Origen's attribution formulas to categorize almost two hundred references as either verbatim quotations, summaries, explanatory paraphrases, or mere assertions. Heracleon's views are assessed by considering the over fifty quotations and seventy summaries so identified in a context of literature to which Heracleon refers – John, a gospel similar to Matthew's, a collection of Pauline epistles, and the Preaching of Peter. The author concludes that Origen is likely to have inferred views he knew from his exegetical opponents (the heterodox and »those who bring in the natures«) that were never expressed by Heracleon.

Morgan, Teresa

Being 'in Christ' in the Letters of Paul

Saved Through Christ and in His Hands

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In this study, Teresa Morgan offers a radically new interpretation of 'in Christ' and related expressions in the undisputed letters of Paul. Starting from a reassessment of Deissmann's *Die neutestamentliche Formel in Christo Jesu*, she argues that Deissmann's philology is flawed, the Schweitzerian concept of 'participation in Christ' which is indebted to it is problematic, and many contemporary accounts of participation are better understood in other terms. Through close readings of each letter, Teresa Morgan shows how Paul uses *en Christō* language instrumentally, to speak of what God has done 'through' Christ, by Christ's death, and 'encheiristically', to speak of the life the faithful now live 'in Christ's hands': in Christ's power, under his authority, under his protection, and in his care. This creative use of *en Christō* language forms part of and connects Paul's soteriology, eschatology, and Christology, shaping his narrative of God's intervention in the world, the relationship between God, Christ, and the faithful, the lordship and work of Christ between the resurrection and the *parousia*, and God's ultimate triumph. This narrative is closely connected with Paul's ecclesiology and ethics, where life 'in Christ's hands' is envisaged as the this-worldly dimension of the new creation: an aspect of eternal life already active in the present time. In Christ's hands the faithful, not least Paul himself, live a new life in communities with a distinctive structure and dynamic. In Christ's hands, they hope to remain in right-standing with God and serve God until Christ's return.



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Breytenbach, Cilliers

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Cilliers Breytenbach presents his view of New Testament exegesis as historical discourse studies and the subdisciplines based on them, and shows various usages of exegesis. He highlights aspects in works written by experts in the field and traces the history of the subject in Berlin.

History and Theology in the Gospels

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The present volume contains the proceedings of the Seventh International East-West Symposium of New Testament Scholars in Moscow 2016. Its contributions are devoted to different aspects of the question of the relation between history and theology in New Testament and extracanonical Gospel literature. They deal with problems regarding the impact of critical historical approaches for New Testament theology, the relation between the Gospels' claim for truth and historical facts, Orthodox receptions of the Gospel literature, and the presentation of »the« Gospel in Byzantine liturgy.

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Luke as Narrative Theologian

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This collection of essays by Joel B. Green draws together studies on Luke's theology over a thirty-year period – from the early days when many scholars questioned whether one might refer to Luke as a »theologian,« to contemporary studies pursuing a variety of approaches to discerning Luke's message. These essays contribute to our understanding of the theological and narrative unity of Luke-Acts by pursuing a variety of topics (e.g., salvation, wealth and poverty, baptism, resurrection, and conversion) and more focused examinations of selected Lukan texts, such as the birth narrative, Jesus's crucifixion, Jesus's ascension, the Pentecost episode, and the stories of Cornelius and Lydia.

Grundeken, Mark

Der eine Gott, der durch alle ist

Epheser 4,6 im Kontext antiker Diskurse über Gott und die Welt

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Mark Grundeken delivers a fresh explanation of the origin and the meaning of Eph. 4:6's puzzling statement that God is »all-pervasive,« and argues that the author of Ephesians applied philosophical ideas in a specifically ecclesiological way.

Die Septuaginta – Themen, Manuskripte, Wirkungen

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Sceptic and Believer in Ancient Mediterranean Religions

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What are the roles of doubt and scepticism in the religious landscape of the ancient Mediterranean? How is doubt expressed within a specific religious community, and what reactions does it provoke? How does »insider doubt« differ from the sceptical attitude of outsiders? Exploring these questions with respect to a wide range of religious contexts and topics (including early Christianity, Greco-Roman religions, Egyptian religions, astrology, and magic), the essays in this volume confirm the thesis that doubting one's own religious tradition is not simply a »Western« post-Enlightenment phenomenon. On the contrary, ancient religions offered opportunities and contexts wherein aspects of doubt are not just tolerated but accepted; moreover, doubt and scepticism concerning certain religious ideas or aspects of belief also motivated creative reinterpretation of those ideas.

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Martin, Troy W.

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Early Christianity did not originate in a vacuum but in a world of linguistic, social, religious, and cultural richness and diversity. The twenty-two seminal essays in this volume — some previously published, some newly written — represent almost three decades of research by Troy W. Martin to understand how early Christianity developed in the ancient world. The broad-ranging investigations in these essays give attention not only to the linguistic and rhetorical features of early Christian texts, but also to the social, philosophical, physiological, and medical contexts in which these texts were written. The essays provide new understandings of early Christian conceptions of salvation and of the virtues of faith, hope and love that characterized early Christian communities. They include new medical and physiological explanations of early Christian sacraments, pneumatology, and eschatology and furthermore investigate early Christian communal life and practice, including the veiling of women, male/female relationships, and time-keeping. The essays include reception histories that describe their influence on subsequent research and place them within the context of contemporary research and scholarship. Those familiar with the well-trodden ground of New Testament studies will find in these essays new insights and previously unexplored comparative material for understanding early Christianity and the world in which it originated.

Authoritative Writings in Early Judaism and Early Christianity

Their Origin, Collection, and Meaning

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Recent scholarship on the history of the biblical canons has increasingly recognised that the Jewish and Christian Bibles were not formed independently of each other but amid controversial debate and competition. But what does it mean that the formation of the Christian Bible cannot be separated from the developments that led to the Jewish Bible? The articles in this collection start with the assumption that the authorization of writings had already begun in Israel and Judaism before the emergence of Christianity and was continued in the first centuries CE by Judaism and Christianity in their respective ways. They deal with a broad range of sources, such as writings which came to be part of the Hebrew Bible, literature from Qumran, the Septuagint, or early Jewish apocalypses. At the same time they deal, for example, with structures of authorization related to New Testament writings, examine the role of authoritative texts in so-called Gnostic schools, and discuss the authority of late antique apocryphal literature.

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The Origins of New Testament Theology

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In contrast to studies of New Testament theology that ask or assume *what it is*, this volume investigates *where it comes from*. In a dialogue with Hans Dieter Betz, the contributors ask about the origins and preconditions of New Testament theology. How did it begin, both in terms of its historical stimuli and in terms of its earliest literary expressions? To what extent, if at all, did early Christians think of themselves as »doing theology«? How did early Christians come to understand their faith as an object of knowledge, and thus as theology? And, how did early Christians participate in and contribute to wider philosophical conversations about religion and what can be known about the divine in Roman antiquity?

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Klauck, Hans-Josef

Studien zum Korpus der johanneischen Schriften

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In this volume, Hans-Josef Klauck presents the manifold topics of the Johannine writings. He begins with John 2–4, as the first missionary journey of Jesus, metaphorically described as a honeymoon, with the formation of the family of God as its main goal. A hermeneutical reflection on the Bible as a normative beginning for theology and church brings the volume to a close.

Orlov, Andrei A.

Yetzer Anthropologies in the Apocalypse of Abraham



Mohr Siebeck

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In this book, Andrei A. Orlov examines the imagery of »inclination« or *yetzer* found in the *Apocalypse of Abraham*. He argues that the text operates with several *yetzer* anthropologies, some of which are reminiscent of early biblical models, while others are similar to later rabbinic notions. Although the author focuses on the traditions found in the *Apocalypse of Abraham*, he also treats the evolution of the *yetzer* symbolism in its full historical and interpretive complexity through a broad variety of Jewish and Christian sources, from the creational narratives of the Hebrew Bible to later rabbinic testimonies. He further argues that a close analysis of the *yetzer* anthropologies found in the *Apocalypse of Abraham* challenges previous scholarly hypotheses that *yetzer* was only sexualized and gendered for the first time in post-Amoraic sources.

From Roman to Early Christian Cyprus

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Cyprus was a crossroads in the ancient eastern Mediterranean, a key location between east and west, in which Judaism, Greco-Roman religions, and Christianity intersected, and where Christianity came to flourish. Bringing together scholars of religion and archaeology to study Cyprus in antiquity, this volume's contributions cover a myriad of topics, including the mosaics of Cyprus, its silver treasures, religious tensions between Christians and others, the role of Epiphanius, the story of St. Barnabas, the powerful position of Cyprus as autocephalous within emerging orthodoxy in antiquity, those who used so-called magical texts, those who worked in a harbor, those involved with the transport of building materials, and early representations of Cyprian saints. By drawing on literary, archaeological, and art historical evidence from the first century CE to the medieval period, the volume elucidates the diversity of Christianity in late antique Cyprus, while also discussing relations between Christians, Jews, and members of Greco-Roman religions.

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Vollenweider, Samuel

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This collection of essays embeds Early Christian literature in its ancient contexts and in its various receptions. The map treated here covers themes such as the resurrection of Jesus and the dead, monotheism and Christology, the impact of ancient philosophy in early Christianity and aspects of Pauline theology.

Hafemann, Scott J.

Paul: Servant of the New Covenant

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Taking 2 Cor 3:6 as its starting point, the new and updated essays here assembled investigate the key passages in Romans, 1–2 Corinthians, Galatians, and Philippians in which the covenant content and eschatological context of Paul's theology interpret one another. Developed over thirty years, Scott Hafemann's close reading of Paul's arguments, with an eye toward their OT/Jewish milieus, also advances the larger thesis that the various Israel/church, works/faith, and justification/judgment polarities in Paul's thinking do not represent a material contrast between a »law-way« and a »gospel-way« of relating to God. Rather, they epitomize an eschatological contrast between the character of God's people within the two eras of salvation history in which, by virtue of the Messiah and the Spirit, the Torah of the »old covenant« is now being kept in the »new.«

Re-Making the World: Christianity and Categories

Essays in Honor of Karen L. King

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This edited volume brings together important scholars of religion in the ancient world to honor the impact of Karen L. King's scholarship in this field. Her work shows that Christianity was diverse from its first moments – even before the word »Christian« was coined – and insists that scholars must engage both in deep historical work and in ethical reflection. These essays honor King's intellectual impact by further investigating the categories that scholars have used in their reconstructions of religion, by reflecting on the place of women and gender in the analysis of ancient texts, and by providing historiographical interventions that illuminate both the ancient world and the modern scholarship that has shaped our field.

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Bremmer, Jan N.

The World of Greek Religion and Mythology

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In this wide-ranging work on Greek religion and mythology, Jan N. Bremmer brings together his stimulating and innovative articles, which have all been updated and revised where necessary. In three thematic sections, he analyses central aspects of Greek religion, beginning with the gods and heroes and paying special attention to the unity of the divine nature and the emergence of the category 'hero'. The second section begins with a discussion of the nature of *polis* religion, continues with various facets, such as seers, secrecy and the soul, and concludes with the influence of the Ancient Near East. The third section studies human sacrifice and offers the most recent analysis of the ideal animal sacrifice, combining literature, epigraphy, iconography, and zooarchaeology. Regarding human sacrifice, it concentrates on the famous cases of Iphigeneia and the werewolves of Mount Lykaion. The fourth and final section investigates key elements of Greek mythology, such as the definition of myth and its relationship to ritual, and ends with a brief history of the study of Greek mythology. The multi-disciplinary approach and rich footnotes make this work a must for anybody interested in Greek religion and mythology.



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Divine Kingdom and Kingdoms of Men / Gottesreich und Reiche der Menschen

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The study of the Septuagint's language can only bring about true recognition of its particular theological significance when the idea of exchange between Hebrew and Greek language and thought in the classical and Hellenistic period is so defined that it becomes the guideline and core of all Septuagint research. To bring about the most profound change possible in how the world of faith in the Septuagint is studied, this volume focuses on the terminology and concepts of divine and human realms by comparing pertinent Septuagint texts with Masoretic text and placing them in their religious-historical, philological and philosophical settings.

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A Grammar of the Ethics of John

Reading John from an Ethical Perspective. Volume 1

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After a century of neglect, Johannine ethics has enjoyed a recent surge in interest inspired by new theoretical insights in analysing ethical data in John's Gospel. By closely re-reading the text on the basis of this fresh research, Jan G. van der Watt's aim in the present volume is to reveal ethical data within its structural interrelatedness. The result is a comprehensive overview of basic questions related to ethics, such as what the basis or source of ethics actually is, whether identity plays a role in ethical decision making, how values and ethical requirements are to be recognised, what is expected of an ethical agent, and what ethical behaviour looks like. As a coherent guide to getting deeds done ethically, this first volume on the grammar of the apostle's ethics focuses on his Gospel, while a second is set to concentrate on his letters.

Harrison, James R.

Paul and the Ancient Celebrity Circuit

The Cross and Moral Transformation

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The modern cult of celebrity, commencing with Garibaldi, Byron, and Whitman, is compared to the quest for glory in late republican and early imperial Roman society. Studies based on the documentary and literary sources – including the »great man,« the elite quest for civic honour, the Mediterranean athletic ideal, the ethical curriculum of the gymnasium, and local association values – provide the basis for James R. Harrison to assess the ancient preoccupation with fame, hierarchy, and status. He shows how Paul's gospel of the crucified Christ stood out in a culture obsessed with mutual comparison, boasting, and self-sufficiency. It departed from the self-exalting mores of classical culture and enshrined humility and other-centeredness in the western intellectual tradition. As such, the soteriological power of the cross became an impetus not only for individual moral transformation but also for social change.



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Searching Paul

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Firmly rooted in his ancestral Jewish traditions, Paul interacted with, and was involved in vivid communication primarily with non-Jews, who through Christ were associated with the one God of Israel. In the highly diverse cultural, linguistic, social, and political world of the Roman Empire, Paul's activities are seen as those of a cultural translator embedded in his own social and symbolic world and simultaneously conversant with the diverse, mainly Greek and Roman world, of the non-Jewish nations. In this role he negotiates the Jewish message of the Christ event into the particular everyday life of his addressees. Informed by socio-historical research, cultural studies, and gender studies Kathy Ehrensperger explores in her collection of essays aspects of this process based on the hermeneutical presupposition that the Pauline texts are rooted in the social particularities of everyday life of the people involved in the Christ-movement, and that his theologizing has to be understood from within this context.

Gegenspieler

Zur Auseinandersetzung mit dem Gegner in frühjüdischer und urchristlicher Literatur

Hrsg. v. Michael Tilly u. Ulrich Mell

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The authors of this volume examine the perception, depiction, and evaluation of the antagonist in ancient Jewish and early Christian literature. Most of the contributions were presented at an international symposium on the topic of »Gegenspieler« in Tübingen in October 2015.

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Beck, Eric J.

Justice and Mercy in the Apocalypse of Peter

A New Translation and Analysis of the Purpose of the Text

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The Apocalypse of Peter, best known for its tour of hell, was a popular text in Early Christianity, but is largely neglected today. Eric J. Beck attempts to bring new life to the study of this text by challenging current assumptions regarding its manuscript tradition and primary purpose. By undertaking the first comparative analysis utilising all available manuscript evidence, the author creates a new translation of the text that at times advocates for the reliability of the oft neglected Akhmīm fragment. He then offers the first detailed analysis of the text in order to ascertain the purpose of the document. In so doing, he argues against a monitory interpretation of the text. Instead, Eric J. Beck suggests the text uses an integrated understanding of justice and mercy that is meant to encourage its readers to have compassion on those who receive punishment in the afterlife.

Autorschaft und Autorisierungsstrategien in apokalyptischen Texten

Hrsg. v. Jörg Frey, Michael R. Jost, Franz Tóth, unter Mitwirkung v. Johannes Stettner

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The volume provides a comprehensive analysis and discussion of the concepts of authorship and the strategies of authorisation in Jewish and early Christian apocalyptic texts. Two introductory essays discuss the relevance of author concepts in literature and philosophy and present the wide variety of authorship concepts in Greco-Roman antiquity. Detailed studies discuss the constructions of authorship from the biblical prophets and the origins of Jewish apocalypticism in the Enoch tradition through Daniel, 4 Ezra, 2 Baruch, and the Ladder of Jacob until the rabbinic literature. A second main part provides thorough discussions of the phenomena of authorization and constructions of authorship in Christian apocalypses from the Revelation of John to the Apocalypses of Peter and Paul and the Ascension of Isaiah. A final study presents glimpses into the reception of late ancient apocalypticism in Dante's Divine Comedy.

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The earliest strands of the Jesus tradition, including the one attested by the Sayings Gospel Q, show a keen interest in prayer. In this volume, specialists in Hebrew Bible, early and rabbinic Judaism, and early Christianity contribute essays on a broad range of topics relevant to the Q materials on prayer. Several contributors situate Q in its historical and religious context by relating it to other early Jewish texts and traditions concerning prayer. Others analyse Jesus' instructions on prayer in Q with respect to specific exegetical and interpretive questions, or track the reception of Q's materials on prayer in Matthew and Luke.

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Frey, Jörg

Qumran, Early Judaism, and New Testament Interpretation

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The articles collected here present the fruits of 25 years of scholarship on Qumran and the New Testament. The author situates the New Testament within the pluralistic context of Second Temple Judaism, presents detailed overviews on the discoveries from Qumran, the source value of the ancient texts on the Essenes, the interpretation of the archaeological site, the various forms of dualism within the texts, the development of apocalyptic thought, Qumran meals, and scriptural authority in the Scrolls. He evaluates the various patterns of relating Jesus and the apostles to the Scrolls or the Qumran community, presents methodological reflections on comparisons and detailed surveys of the most important insights from the Qumran discoveries for the understanding of Jesus, Paul, and the Fourth Gospel. This volume demonstrates how the discovery of the Scrolls has influenced and changed New Testament scholarship.

Expressions of the Johannine Kerygma in John 2:23–5:18

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The essays in this volume from the 2017 session of the Colloquium Ioanneum in Jerusalem treat aspects of John 2:23–5:18, employing a variety of methods. These early chapters present interpreters with a challenging series of issues, including the strategy of revelation in John 3–4, the characterization of Nicodemus, the only references to the kingdom of God in John, Jesus' role as Son of Man, the *erga* concept in the Fourth Gospel and the references to John's baptism and Jesus' baptism, the background and universal program of the narrative of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, the universal program in John 4, and the harvest proverbs in John 4:35–38. The last two essays explore the characterization of the royal official in John 4:46–54 and the evidence for associating the Pool of Bethzatha with healing. The essays demonstrate the astuteness of an observation made by Adele Reinhartz: the closer we look at a text the more it »pixilates« and the more open to interpretation it becomes.

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Die Entgrenzung des Heils

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Jairus's Daughter and the Haemorrhaging Woman

Tradition and Interpretation of an Early Christian Miracle Story



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In this work, Arie W. Zwiep examines the gospel stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the haemorrhaging woman (Mark 5:21–43; Matt 9:18–26; Luke 8:40–56) from a plurality of (sometimes conflicting) interpretive strategies to demonstrate the need and fruitfulness of a multi-perspectival exegetical approach. Among the various (diachronic and synchronic) methods that are being applied in this study are philological criticism, form criticism and structural analysis, tradition- and redaction criticism, orality studies and performance criticism, narrative analysis, textual criticism and the study of intertextuality. Such a comprehensive approach, it is argued, leads to an increased knowledge and a deepened understanding of the ancient texts in question and to a sharpened awareness of the applicability of current scholarly research instruments to unlock documents from the past.

Law and Lawlessness in Early Judaism and Early Christianity

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According to a persistent popular stereotype, early Judaism is seen as a »legalistic« religious tradition, in contrast to early Christianity, which seeks to obviate and so to supersede, annul, or abrogate Jewish law. Although scholars have known better since the surge of interest in the question of the law in post-Holocaust academic circles, the complex stances of both early Judaism and early Christianity toward questions of law observance have resisted easy resolution or sweeping generalizations. The essays in this volume aim to bring to the fore the legalistic and antinomian dimensions in both traditions, with a variety of contributions that examine the formative centuries of these two great religions and their legal traditions. They explore how law and lawlessness are in tension throughout this early, formative period, and not finally resolved in one direction or the other.

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Between Canonical and Apocryphal Texts

Processes of Reception, Rewriting, and Interpretation in Early Judaism and Early Christianity

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The present volume aims at a comparative study of the processes of reception, rewriting and interpretation between canonical and apocryphal texts in early Jewish and early Christian literature. A closer look at the respective developments in both corpora of literature can open up new perspectives for understanding the developments and changes between texts that were already considered authoritative, and their reception in new, 'parabolic' or 'apocryphal' compositions. The way of reception may also influence the perspective on canonical texts. The range of texts considered includes the LXX, Targumim and Pesharim, books such as Jubilees, the Genesis Apocryphon, the Gospel of Thomas, and Apocryphal Acts, traditions about Esther, Ezra, Manasseh, Peter and Paul, depictions of hell from Enoch to the Apocalypse of Paul, and the development of miracle stories.

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The present volume gathers up studies by Peter J. Tomson, written over thirty-odd years, that deal with ancient Jewish law and identity, the teachings of Jesus, the letters of Paul, and the historiography of early Jews and Christians. Notable subject areas are Jewish purity laws, divorce law, and the use of the name 'Jews'. The author also examines Jesus' teachings as understood in their primary and secondary contexts, the various situations Paul's highly differentiated rhetoric may have addressed, and the causes contributing to the growing tension between Jews and Christians and the so-called parting of the ways.

The Future of New Testament Textual Scholarship

From H. C. Hoskier to the *Editio Critica Maior* and Beyond

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This volume fundamentally re-examines textual approaches to the New Testament and its manuscripts in the age of digital editing and media. Using the eccentric work of Herman Charles Hoskier as a shared foundation for analysis, contributors examine the intellectual history of New Testament textual scholarship and the production of critical editions, identify many avenues for further research, and discuss the methods and protocols for producing the most recent set of editions of the New Testament: the *Editio Critica Maior*. Instead of comprising the minute refinement of a basically acceptable text, textual scholarship on the New Testament is a vibrant field that impinges upon New Testament Studies in unexpected and unacknowledged ways.

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Basileia im Matthäusevangelium

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For Matthew it is clear that the kingdom of God is realised where the will of God is put into action. But what does Matthew's speech about the Kingdom of Heaven mean? What role does Jesus and the sovereignty of the Son of Man play? Christian Blumenthal shows that for Matthew, Jesus irreversibly set in motion the process of establishing the kingdom of God on earth, and made those succeeding him responsible for continuing it.

Abraham's Family

A Network of Meaning in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

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Abraham, whom the apostle Paul calls the »father of us all« (Rom 4:16), was a central figure in Judaism from the outset and came to be important in Christianity and Islam. The Abraham tradition is an issue of narrative and counter-narrative, memory and counter-memory. Moreover, Abraham's family is brought in as a network of meaning to express opposition, antithesis or common ground within and between different religious movements. The contributions to this volume discuss the presentation and reception of Abraham's family in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The topics cover Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Second Temple writings, New Testament, Rabbinic literature, Greek, Latin and Syriac church fathers, as well as Jewish medieval interpretation and a twelfth-century Arabic travel report of a pilgrimage to Mecca.

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Theologische Aufsätze

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In this volume, Ulrich Luz presents theological, ecclesiological, hermeneutical, religious-historical, and biographical-autobiographical studies and sketches, some of which have not previously been published. They revolve around fundamental questions of theology, hermeneutics and the church. Several are »hot potatoes«, questioning, for example, the relationship between theology and the study of religion. The author also investigates what aggressive texts in the New Testament have to do with Christianity's claim to exclusivity and whether church finances belong to the fundamental characteristics of churches. Alongside the question of the church fathers' significance for Protestantism's interpretation of the Bible, he goes on to ask if the sense of New Testament texts is completely open, or random, for any interpretation to be feasible, and how then reaching an understanding of the sense of biblical texts in mainstream churches and ecumenism might still be possible.

Kaiser, Ursula Ulrike

Die Rede von »Wiedergeburt« im Neuen Testament

Ein metaphortheoretisch orientierter Neuansatz nach 100 Jahren Forschungsgeschichte

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Ursula Ulrike Kaiser studies »rebirth« in the New Testament, showing for the first time that there is a great lack of clarity about it as a subject of research. This stems from its uncritical mixing as an »idea« and an »object«, and which, in terms of metaphor theory, corresponds to a commingling of source domain and target domain that often leads to concepts actually belonging to description language being imposed on the source text. In contrast, the author shows that with a consistent approach to verbal expressions of rebirth and a metaphor-oriented exegetical methodology, a clear number of New Testament texts can be distinguished, which use, strictly speaking, not rebirth but birth/procreation as a conceptual domain to metaphorically elaborate the event of coming to belief in Christ in a creative and differentiated way.

Sandnes, Karl Olav

Paul Perceived

An Interactionist Perspective on Paul and the Law

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An epicenter in present-day Pauline scholarship is the issue of the Law. The interpretation of this contentious issue started before Paul's letters and found its way into them by his citing how others perceived of his theology, and in Paul rendering rumors and criticism, and also interacting with them. To this reception-oriented perspective belong also punitive actions taken against Paul by synagogues. As a reception of Paul, Acts is included, leaving a more complex picture than argued by advocates of Paul within Judaism. Thus Karl Olav Sandnes uncovers the first interpretation or reception of Paul's view on Torah. It is limited in its scope, but provides a critical and necessary view on common trends in Pauline scholarship. Paul's decentering of the Torah was considered endangering for morality, for Jews and Gentiles alike. Perceptions of Paul's theology must be accounted for in Pauline studies.

Epigraphical Evidence Illustrating Paul's Letter to the Colossians

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The present volume contains the proceedings of an international conference meant to further the dialogue between New Testament scholars and epigraphists with an interest in NT matters. After the more general approach of a previous conference, it was decided to focus on a particular writing, The Letter to the Colossians, though a relatively short work, was chosen because it contains some very interesting material worthy of study from an epigraphical angle and also offers opportunities to open up towards a broader perspective on Pauline literature. The essays that make up this collection offer insights into the world of the intended addressees, show ways for contextualising epigraphical material, and demonstrate from case studies how this material, in combination with literary and archaeological evidence, can be made to use in interpreting specific concepts or motifs in the letter.

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Ancient and modern scholars have written many thousands of pages on resurrection in the New Testament. Fewer have examined the theme in both pagan and Jewish texts, however, and the topic remains inherently fascinating. John Granger Cook argues for two primary hypotheses: First, there is no fundamental difference between Paul's conception of the resurrection body and that of the Gospels; and second, the resurrection and translation stories of Greco-Roman antiquity probably help explain the willingness of Mediterranean people to gradually accept the Gospel of a crucified and risen savior. The use of ἐγέρω (egeirō, wake/rise) and ἀνίστημι (anistēmi, rise) and the bodily nature of resurrection in ancient Judaism and paganism warrant the first hypothesis. The second hypothesis is more speculative, but the Christian apologists' comparisons of pagan narratives with those of the New Testament renders it feasible.

The Gospels and Their Stories in Anthropological Perspective

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Over the past decades, biblical scholars have gradually become more aware of the importance of the social sciences for their own field. This has produced a steady flow of studies informed by work that was done in the fields of group formation psychology, the sociology of emerging movements and the sociology of religion, and historical anthropology. This volume offers the proceedings of a conference that brought together a number of expert biblical scholars, specialists of ancient religious practices, and proponents of an anthropological approach to ancient Christian and Greco-Roman religious tradition. It was the explicit purpose not to focus exclusively on purely methodological reflections, but to explore and evaluate how methodological concepts and constructs can be developed and then also checked in applying them on specific cases and topics that are typical for understanding earliest Christianity.

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This volume brings together thirteen of Paul-Gerhard Klumbies' essays on the interpretation of the Gospel of Mark as narrative. The thematic emphasis is on questions of the overall narrative concept of the oldest of the gospels, to which genre it belongs, its spatial structure, ethics, and theology of the cross. Several individual exegeses focus on the topic of miracles. Two history of research studies as well as one providing impetus for religious education further complement the collection. Each essay deals with the Gospel of Mark as a narrative from the '70s. The details of the Marcan text are not evaluated historically as reprimands of a reality at the end of the '20s, but are instead apprehended as elements of a narrated world. From a retrospective of the 8th decade, the Marcan narrator offers his readers an aetiological narrative of the origins of the Christian faith in the life story of Jesus.

Theologie und Textgeschichte

Septuaginta und Masoretischer Text als Äußerungen theologischer Reflexion

Hrsg. v. Frank Ueberschaer, Thomas Wagner u. Jonathan Miles Robker

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The Septuagint and the Masoretic text are far more than just witnesses to aid in the reconstruction of the oldest accessible Old Testament writing. They instead mirror ongoing critical engagement with the text and, therefore, also provide evidence of theological debate and updating by redesigning a given text. Gathered together in this volume are contributions from an eponymous symposium, held in January 2015 to mark Professor Dr. Siegfried Kreuzer's retirement from the Protestant University Wuppertal-Bethel, that pursue textual-historical questions, particularly from a theological perspective.

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Jesus, Paul, and the Early Church

Missionary Realities in Historical Contexts. Collected Essays



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This volume contains seventeen essays written by Eckhard J. Schnabel, written over the past 25 years. The essays focus on the realities of the work of Jesus, Paul, John, and the early church, exploring aspects of the history, missionary expansion, and theology of the early church including lexical, ethical, and ecclesiological questions. Specific subjects discussed include Jesus' silence at his trial, the introduction of foreign deities to Athens, the understanding of Rom 12:1, Paul's ethics, the meaning of *baptizein*, the realities of persecution, Christian identity and mission in Revelation, and singing and instrumental music in the early church.

Die Septuaginta – Geschichte, Wirkung, Relevanz

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As the central biblical reference text for ancient Greek-speaking Judaism and Christianity alike, the Septuagint both aids and challenges expressions of Jewish and Christian identity. The diversity of its current debates are reflected in this volume, which brings aspects of textual criticism, textual history, philology, theology, reception history, and Jewish identity in the Second Temple period together to provide an up-to-date overview of the latest in international research.

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The Church and Its Mission in the New Testament and Early Christianity

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The present volume consists of fifteen essays by colleagues and friends of the late Professor Hans Kvalbein focusing on various aspects of the theme of the church and mission in the New Testament and early Christianity. It also includes a survey of Hans Kvalbein's academic career and scholarship as well as a bibliography of his books and articles. Among the contributions are several related to the question of mission in Acts, while others focus on various texts and topics in the gospels, in Paul, in 1 Peter and Revelation. Some of the contributors interact with Kvalbein's views on aspects of the mission of the early church, for example the understanding of mission in Matthew and the proclamation of the Kingdom of God. Others deal with questions such as mission and love of enemies, mass conversions and persecutions, infant baptism and the geographical horizon of early Christian mission.

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A Latin-Greek Index of the Vulgate New Testament and the Apostolic Fathers

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This volume lists, in alphabetical order, all the Latin words that appear in the Vulgate translation of the New Testament and the various ancient Latin translations of the »Apostolic Fathers«. Following each Latin word are listed all the Greek words that are attested as translational antecedents, or »Vorlagen«, for that Latin word in the Greek New Testament and the Greek Apostolic Fathers. Each Greek word is followed by a numerical marker indicating its page location in a particular Greek concordance of the New Testament or the Apostolic Fathers.

Containing approximately 9,000 Latin words and phrases, and approximately 13,800 Greek translational equivalents, the index is sure to be of interest to anyone, including classicists and medievalists, studying Latin texts that were translated or may have been translated from Greek originals.

Docetism in the Early Church

The Quest for an Elusive Phenomenon

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This volume studies the ways modern research has tried to detect traces of Docetism in ancient sources, including the gospels and the Johannine epistles and several second-century authors. As a concept, Docetism is often used in scholarly literature for denoting loosely connected or even quite different phenomena or doctrines that all have to do with defining the nature of Christ and the reality of the incarnation and passion of Jesus. The essays presented here approach the topic from a new angle by focusing on the ancient documents themselves instead of staying on a purely theoretical or dogmatic level, while at the same time critically re-examining the historical contexts in which these were produced and first circulated. In some cases, this serves to once more reveal the hidden agendas that have guided modern scholars in their discussion of these topics.

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Semitisms in Luke's Greek

A Descriptive Analysis of Lexical and Syntactical Domains of Semitic Language Influence in Luke's Gospel

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The Gospel of Luke has long been known for its variation between good, educated Greek and Semitic influences. In the last century, five theories have attempted to explain the Semitic influence: Semitic sources; imitation of the Greek Bible; the Greek of the ancient synagogue; literary code-switching between standard Greek and semitized Greek; and the social background of bilingualism. Albert Hogeterp and Adelbert Denaux revisit Luke's Greek and evaluate which alleged Semitisms of vocabulary and syntax are tenable in light of comparative investigation across corpora of Greek, Hebrew, and Aramaic, literary as well as documentary, texts. They contend that Semitisms in Luke's Greek are only fully understood in light of a complementarity of linguistic backgrounds, and evaluate them in diachronic respect of Synoptic comparison and in synchronic respect of their place in Luke's narrative style and communicative strategy.

Juden – Heiden – Christen?

Religiöse Inklusionen und Exklusionen im Römischen Kleinasien bis Decius Hrsg. v. Stefan Alkier u. Hartmut Leppin

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The triad of Jews, gentiles and Christians seems clearly arranged in the religious world of the Roman Empire. However, a closer look shows that this is too simple a model in that it neither does justice to the diverse descriptions of these groups or those of others, nor to their respective concepts of identity or the varying mechanisms of inclusions and exclusions. This volume illustrates this by way of interdisciplinary individual studies on Asia Minor, but also through conceptional considerations. In summary, the editors offer new terminology suggestions.

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The Case for Proto-Mark

A Study in the Synoptic Problem

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Delbert Burkett addresses the Synoptic Problem, the question of what sources were used by the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). The most common explanation for the material shared by Matthew and Luke (the double tradition) is that Matthew and Luke both used a source now lost, called Q. If we adopt the Q hypothesis to account for the double tradition, then what theory best accounts for the material that Matthew and Luke share with Mark (the Markan material)? Three main theories have been proposed: Matthew and Luke used the Gospel of Mark as a source (the standard theory of Markan priority), Matthew and Luke used a revised version of Mark's gospel (the Deutero-Mark hypothesis), or all three evangelists used a source similar to, but earlier than, the Gospel of Mark (the Proto-Mark hypothesis). Delbert Burkett provides new data that calls into question the standard theory of Markan priority and the Deutero-Mark hypothesis. He offers the most comprehensive case to date for the Proto-Mark hypothesis, concluding that this theory best accounts for the Markan material.

Memory and Memories in Early Christianity

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Bringing together thirteen talks given at the international conference »Memory and Memories in Early Christianity«, held at the Universities of Lausanne and Geneva in June 2016, this interdisciplinary volume explores a fresh problem in the study of the origins of Christianity and of the New Testament, namely the »work of memory« undertaken in the discourses and practices of the believers in Jesus. The studies collected here not only apply a heuristic analytical tool – »social memory theory« – to the literature and history of Christian beginnings, but also endeavour to show the socio-religious resonance of this »work of memory« in the language and ideology of the early believers. The historical Jesus, the Pauline writings, the Gospel of John, the Acts of the Apostles, Marcion, ancient Christian epistemography, Hegesippus, Irenaeus, etc. are explored by some of the world's top specialists in »social memory studies« as applied to Christian origins.

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As a very late and pseudepigraphical text, the Second Epistle of Peter is not always seen as an integral and fitting part of the New Testament canon. By highlighting its individual literary and theological profile as well as its various connections to early Christian literature inside and outside of later canonical collections, the present volume aims to contribute to a better informed and more detailed appreciation of both the irritating and inspiring aspects of Second Peter. The contributions cover a wide range of topics such as the canonical significance of the epistle, its intertextual and tradition-historical links, its contribution to the doctrine of inspiration, the »New Perspective on Second Peter«, Second Peter's re-use of traditions about Lot and even the presence of Second Peter in early modern translations of the New Testament into Hebrew.

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Patricia A. Duncan examines the fourth-century Christian novel traditionally known as the Pseudo-Clementine *Homilies* (but here referred to as the *Klementia*) in order to show how the lengthy and complex narrative coheres as a rhetorical whole and works to initiate the reader into a revised, esoteric vision of the origins of Christianity. The novel is well known for its distinctive doctrine of »false pericopes« in the scriptures of the Jews, but equally important is the way it capitalizes on its narrative genre to correct false pericopes in the Gospels of the New Testament. Key to the novel's project is a construction of the apostle Peter as the chief tradent and the fully authorized interpreter of the words and deeds of the True Prophet Jesus. This Peter offers up of a law-abiding, monotheistic »Christianity« that is fully continuous with the religion of the followers of Moses.

Perceiving the Other in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity

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The present volume reexamines both ancient Christian and Jewish portrayals of outsiders. In what ways, both positive and negative, do ancient writers interact with and relate to those outside of their ethnicity or religious tradition? This volume devotes itself to the methodological questions surrounding the use of diverse ancient sources for the construction of the other. The goal is to shed new light on ancient interactions between different religious groups in order to describe more accurately these relationships.

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Mitchell, Margaret M.

Paul and the Emergence of Christian Textuality

Early Christian Literary Culture in Context. Collected Essays, Volume 1

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The essays by Margaret M. Mitchell collected in this volume were published over a roughly twenty-five year span of time, and range in scope from the treatment of a two-word phrase (*τέρπι δέ*, »now concerning,« in 1 Corinthians and 1 Thessalonians) to the role of »the written record« in the formation, diffusion, and ultimate success of the Gentile Christ-believing mission in the first three centuries. At the heart of these studies are two main claims: an insistence that it was by no means predictable that textuality would be a crucial medium of the Christ-believing apocalyptic missionary movements, and the contention that in a significant way it was the influence of the self-styled »apostolic envoy,« Paul, that made it so. These arguments involve not only a retracing of the history and development of Paulinism, in some sense, but also an analysis, both hermeneutical and history-of-religions, of the role of texts in the life of the historical Paul, in the extant remnants of the historical-epistolary Paul (i.e., of the homologoumena), and in that of Paulinist readers, writers, collectors, redactors, narrators, and interpreters from his time forward. This extends from the flexible poetics of his accordion-like »gospel narratives« that could be expanded and contracted to encompass and address with sophistication all kinds of issues in occasion-specific written texts, to the theological grounding of that gospel proclamation *κατὰ τὰς γραφάς* (»according to the scriptures, 1 Cor 15:3–4), to the religious logic of »envoyage« and »epiphany« that animated his self-understanding of mediated presence of Jesus Christ crucified, to the powerful poetics of epistolary literature that enabled the absent Paul to speak from a distance and so even the dead Paul to continue to speak to generation after generation in a trans-local and trans-temporal religious community formed in relation to these texts, their claims, and their ritual embodiments. The story of the development of an early Christian literary culture is not ancillary to a proper study of the »rise of Christianity« but is a key to it, the isolation of a major strand of its DNA and its processes for replication across time and space.

Räisänen, Heikki

The Bible Among Scriptures and Other Essays

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The essays by Heikki Räisänen (1941–2015) collected in this volume deal with a broad array of topics, ranging from early Christian identities to bibliodrama and other modern-day approaches to the scriptures. The exegetical studies in the first part explore issues related to early Christian eschatology, virginal conception, and Paul's complex argumentation about the Jews and their salvation in Romans 9–11. The essays on ancient and modern interpretations of the Bible in the second part pay special attention to ethical issues, address the »dark sides« of its reception, and discuss the biblical interpretations of Marcion and Joseph Smith. The third section comprises studies on the Bible and Qur'an, while the concluding chapter provides a comprehensive description of the Bible as scripture from a comparative perspective.



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Delightful Acts

New Essays on Canonical and Non-canonical Acts

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The primary impetus of this collection of essays on canonical and non-canonical Acts is to honor the scholarly achievements of Richard I. Pervo. Pervo pioneered the view that canonical Acts is comparable to ancient fiction, insofar as the various episodes about Peter, Paul and the other apostles were composed to entertain, even as they inform. In the spirit of this work, contributors to this volume do not sit idly by. Prodding and provoking readers, these new and often exploratory essays travel at different speeds and with notable variation from center within the broad orbit of canonical Acts. The hope is that this volume will foster serious conversation of the things discussed, with no small measure of delight along *the way*.

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Theologie des Lebens bei Paulus und Johannes

Ein theologisch-konzeptioneller Vergleich des Zusammenhangs von Glaube und Leben auf dem Hintergrund ihrer Glaubenssummarien

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In this study of the Pauline letters and the Gospel according to John, Nadine Ueberschaer argues that Paul and John – independently of one another – developed a theology of life from pre-Pauline traditions of faith, which are still identifiable in summaria of faith. Paul and John independently refined the pre-Pauline kerygma of Jesus' death and resurrection by interpreting it with life terminology. The results are the Pauline and Johannine summaria of faith, which are characteristic for each of them and in which they both communicate the value of Jesus' death and resurrection for one's own existence. In this theological-conceptual comparative study, analogies of Paul's and John's concepts of life are comprehensively explored for the first time.

Shadowy Characters and Fragmentary Evidence

The Search for Early Christian Groups and Movements

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The present volume contains the proceedings of an international colloquium that dealt with heavily fragmented texts and hypothetical sources, and the »shadowy« characters and movements they feature. These two aspects are combined and studied to ascertain how they have been handled in the history of research, to find out what they reveal about the community or the group expressing itself through (or hiding behind) them, and to establish the role these documents and figures or groups should be given in reconstructing an overall picture of developments in the theology and religious life of early Christianity. As can be imagined, such documents and sources have sometimes been taken as an open invitation to come up with all sorts of highly creative exegesis, adventurous reconstructions of texts and movements, and quite daring suggestions about identifying particular groups or presumed literary influences between documents. The essays contribute to the writing of a critical history of researching these types of documents and movements.

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The present volume contains papers presented at the Third International Conference on the *Theology of the Septuagint* (09.-11.03.2016), held at the Faculty of Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. The conference dealt with the question of the extent to which the theology of the oldest fully preserved Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible is to be found in its cultural-historical discourses of seeing God and perceiving God. The common starting point is the conversation of the Hebrew Bible with possible theological tendencies in the Septuagint, which could be recognizable in words, word connections and sentences. Particular attention is paid to approaches which use the ancient Greek literature to clarify the relationship between Hebrew and Greek theological thinking.

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Bauckham, Richard

The Christian World Around the New Testament

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Most of these thirty-one essays by Richard Bauckham, a well-known New Testament scholar, were first published between 1979 and 2015 in journals and multi-authored volumes. Two are previously unpublished and one has not been published in English before. They range widely over early Christianity and early Christian literature in both the New Testament period and the early patristic period, reflecting the author's conviction that the historical study of early Christianity should not isolate the New Testament literature from other early Christian sources, such as the apostolic fathers and the Christian apocryphal literature. Some of the essays develop further the themes of the author's books on aspects of the Gospels, such as the intended audiences of the Gospels, the way in which Gospel traditions were transmitted, the role of the eyewitnesses in the origins of the Gospels, the importance of Papias's evidence about Gospel traditions, and the relationship between canonical and Gnostic Gospels. Some of the essays relate to important persons, such as Peter, Barnabas, Paul and James. These include a full investigation of the evidence for the martyrdom of Peter and an attempt to locate the estate of Publius where Paul stayed on Malta. There are studies of the Sabbath and the Lord's Day in both the New Testament and patristic periods. There are studies that survey most of the main categories of apocryphal Christian literature, including apocryphal Gospels and Acts, and with a special focus on the non-canonical apocalypses, such as the Apocalypse of Peter and the Latin Vision of Ezra.

The Opening of John's Narrative (John 1:19–2:22)

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The essays in this volume provide significant insights into both the Gospel and current Johannine scholarship. The beginning of John's narrative presents interpreters with tantalizing issues. The elusive narrator introduces the witness of the Baptist, then leaves the scene. What is the function of the Isaianic quotation? What is the role of purification in John, the identity of the unnamed disciple, the meaning of the title, »the lamb of God,« the »greater things« Jesus promises the disciples will see, the role of the ascending and descending angels, or Jesus' curt response to his mother? Some of the essays ask how scenes in these chapters would have been read in Ephesus: the story of the wedding at Cana, or the story of Jesus' prophetic demonstration in the temple. The latter plays a strategic role in the imagery and theology of the Gospel. These essays also illustrate how, while the Gospel creatively develops and recasts traditional material, it also calls for its readers to actively engage in dialogue with the text.

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Purview, Validity, and Relevance of Biblical Texts in Ethical Discourse. Kontexte und Normen
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The authors of this volume discuss the relevance and influence of various Old and New Testament documents, and early Christian and Jewish texts in terms of their impact in shaping the moral character, identity, and behaviour of the specific communities in which they were produced as well as their ethical application throughout the centuries. Against a narrow understanding of ethics, the term »application« is not used to analyse the texts of the Bible as step-by-step manuals for moral conduct. Rather, the contributors engage with biblical texts within the framework of a complex hermeneutical process of application of the relevance of these texts in contemporary ethical discourse. It is only when we understand more precisely what the texts themselves offer in terms of their self-understanding that we can reflect critically upon such hermeneutical processes and the appropriation of these biblical texts in contemporary ethical debates in different cultures as well as in current ethical theories and moral philosophy.

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Westerholm, Stephen

Law and Ethics in Early Judaism and the New Testament

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Pious Jews of the Second Temple period sought to conform their lives to Torah, the law God had given Israel. Their different sects disagreed, however, on how to interpret particular laws and even on the question of who had the authority to interpret them. Jesus and his earliest followers, while focusing primarily on what they believed God was doing in their own day, were repeatedly confronted with issues raised by its relation to God's prior revelation in Torah. This volume contains studies by Stephen Westerholm devoted to the meaning and place of Torah in Early Judaism as well as to New Testament understandings, particularly those of the gospels and Pauline literature. Attention is also given to the »New Perspective on Paul,« to recent discussions of justification and Paul's relation to Judaism, and to aspects of the transmission of Jesus tradition among his earliest followers.

Die Makkabäer

Hrsg. v. Friedrich Avemarie, Predrag Bukovec, Stefan Krauter u. Michael Tilly, unter Mitarb. v. Hendrik Stoppel

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In many respects, the Maccabean period represents a benchmark for the formative phase as well as for ancient Judaism and early Christianity. Alongside the political significance of an independent state in Hellenistic times, there belongs the paradigmatic developments of the complex intertwining of ethnus and confession in Judaism, the establishment of the Torah and the Bible as binding text corpora, and the emergence of religious institutions and parties. In the field of theology, discourses on the Maccabean period had a decisive effect on Jewish and Christian eschatology, martyrology and soteriology. This volume makes the first attempt at providing a complete overview of this epoch from a variety of angles. In thematically ordered interdisciplinary groups, proven experts synchronously consider contemporary events and literature, and take a diachronic look at the far-reaching reception of the Maccabean books and their time.

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Jantsch, Torsten

Jesus, der Retter

Die Soteriologie des lukanischen Doppelwerks

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In this study, Torsten Jantsch examines Luke's concept of salvation by means of semantic and narrative analyses of Luke-Acts. He clarifies what, according to Luke, the elements of salvation are, and what the theological basis of his concept of salvation is. History of research has shown that these questions remain unanswered so far. The author argues that Luke develops Luke's concept of salvation by means of telling the story of the saviour Jesus. During the course of this narrative, the activity of Jesus during his earthly mission and his exaltation as ruler of Jews and Gentiles at God's right hand are connected. It is not the death of Jesus, but his position as heavenly ruler that effects salvation consisting in forgiveness of sins and resulting in eternal life.

Becker, Eve-Marie

Der früheste Evangelist

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In this collection of essays Eve-Marie Becker explores Mark – the earliest gospel writer – as a literary author who, by shaping a gospel narrative, creates a *genre sui generis* which can be placed in the broader frame of ancient history-writing. The approach to Mark's Gospel presented in this volume thus aims at contextualizing the earliest gospel narrative in terms of literary history and genre studies in the field of early imperial history-writing. Second, against the background of more recent discourses about »history« in the areas of literary and historical studies it is discussed how Mark in particular relates to the concept of history-writing: What kinds of historiographical methods and concepts does he use? Which types of literary forms of history-writing does he apply? What is his intention as a historiographical author? The textual analyses presented in this volume reach from the gospel writing's *incipit* in Mk 1:1 to the original ending of the narrative in 16:8.

Bremmer, Jan N.

Maidens, Magic and Martyrs in Early Christianity

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In this work, Jan N. Bremmer aims to bring together the worlds of early Christianity and those of ancient history and classical literature – worlds that still all too rarely interlock. Contextualising the life and literature of the early Christians in their Greco-Roman environment, he focusses on four areas. A first section looks at more general aspects of early Christianity: the name of the Christians, their religious and social capital, prophecy and the place of widows and upper-class women in the Christian movement. Second, the chronology and place of composition of the early apocryphal Acts of the Apostles and Pseudo-Clementines are newly determined by paying close attention to their doctrinal contents, but also, innovatively, to their onomastics and social vocabulary. The author also analyses the frequent use of magic in the Acts and explains the prominence of women by comparing the Acts to the Greek novel. Third, an investigation into the theme of the tours of hell suggests a new chronological order, shows that the Christian tours were indebted to both Greek and Jewish models, and illustrates that in the course of time the genre dropped a large part of its Jewish heritage. The fourth and final section concentrates on the most famous and intriguing report of an ancient martyrdom: the *Passion of Perpetua*. It pays special attention to the motivation and visions of Perpetua, which are analyzed not by taking recourse to modern theories such as psychoanalysis, but by looking to the world in which Perpetua lived, both Christian and pagan. It is only by seeing the early Christians in their ancient world that we might begin to understand them and their emerging communities.

Broadhead, Edwin K.

The Gospel of Matthew on the Landscape of Antiquity



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The Gospel of Matthew is an *œuvre mouvante* (a work in process), and the dynamics of this process are essential to its identity and function. This understanding of the Gospel of Matthew stands in distinction from the long history of research centered on Matthew the author and his design for the gospel. Focused instead on tradition history—the history of composition and transmission—Edwin K. Broadhead's approach keeps open the dialectical engagements and the conflicting voices intrinsic to the Gospel of Matthew. As a result, the consistently Jewish textures of this gospel are emphasized, there is a broader engagement with the landscape of antiquity, and serious attention is given to further developments in the history of transmission. This focus on the developing tradition thus highlights, rather than suppresses, the viability and the generative potential of such discourses.

Holtz, Gudrun

Die Nichtigkeit des Menschen und die Übermacht Gottes

Studien zur Gottes- und Selbsterkenntnis bei Paulus, Philo und in der Stoia

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Regard for the self has recently been rediscovered as one of the central themes of Hellenistic philosophy. Taking the Jewish theologian Philo of Alexandria and the Apostle Paul as her main examples, Gudrun Holtz shows how theological anthropology was developed in contrast to contemporary philosophical conceptions of the self, particularly to the Stoia. The common core of the theological-anthropological conception of both authors can be captured in the phrase »not of people, but of God«. The Pauline doctrine of justification proves itself to be a reification of this shared essence. Other than has been repeatedly assumed lately, the stoical perception of God can not be understood to restrict the philosophical demands of the self.

The Eucharist – Its Origins and Contexts

Sacred Meal, Communal Meal, Table Fellowship in Late Antiquity, Early Judaism, and Early Christianity. Volume I-III
Ed. by David Hellholm and Dieter Sänger

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These three volumes are the results of two conferences on the Christian eucharist and its context in the traditions of sacred and communal meals; the first conference was held at the University of Kiel, the second at the University of Agder's Study Center at Metochi (Lesbos). Scholars from all around the world form an international, interdisciplinary and interdenominational collaboration from various fields including History of Religion, Classics, Old and New Testament, Judaism, Patristics, Archeology, and History of Art. Volume I deals with Old Testament, Early Jewish, and New Testament traditions, volume II with Patristic traditions and Iconography, and volume III approaches Near Eastern and Graeco-Roman traditions, as well as Archeology. Images, illustrations and indexes complete the volume. The broad scope covered by these studies invites readers not only to a clearer interpretation of the origin of the Eucharist and its development in the early church, but also enables them to reach a better understanding of the religious and cultural background of sacred and communal meals in general in ancient societies.

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The Eucharist – Its Origins and Contexts

Sacred Meal, Communal Meal, Table Fellowship in Late Antiquity, Early Judaism, and Early Christianity. Volume I-III

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These three volumes are the results of two conferences on the Christian eucharist and its context in the traditions of sacred and communal meals; the first conference was held at the University of Kiel, the second at the University of Agder's Study Center at Metochi (Lesbos). Scholars from all around the world form an international, interdisciplinary and interdenominational collaboration from various fields including History of Religion, Classics, Old and New Testament, Judaism, Patristics, Archeology, and History of Art. Volume I deals with Old Testament, Early Jewish, and New Testament traditions, volume II with Patristic traditions and Iconography, and volume III approaches Near Eastern and Graeco-Roman traditions, as well as Archeology. Images, illustrations and indexes complete the volume. The broad scope covered by these studies invites readers not only to a clearer interpretation of the origin of the Eucharist and its development in the early church, but also enables them to reach a better understanding of the religious and cultural background of sacred and communal meals in general in ancient societies.

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This volume comprises fifteen new essays on the Apostolic Fathers with a focus on the letters of Clement. An introductory essay investigates the role of seventeenth-century librarians in the origination of the collection's title. Five essays concern 1 Clement, exploring its relationship to 1 Corinthians, its generic classification, the discussion of »Christian education« (1 Clem. 21:8), the golden calf tradition, and the well-known legend of the regeneration of the phoenix. Three essays treat aspects of 2 Clement, including problems with recent translations of chapter 1, the motif of the barren woman in chapter 2, and the analogy of faith as a race in chapter 7. One study probes the Quintus incident in Martyrdom of Polycarp 4 as emblematic of the literary and cultural conventions of second-century sophism. Another study considers protection against exploitation of Christian generosity by visitors in Didache 12. Another contribution investigates the precise nature of allegory in the Epistle of Barnabas. A short piece on the Epistle of Diognetus argues that the ancient moral-philosophical topos of the invisible God is at work in this text; and, a final essay explores the popular second-century medical theory behind Hermas's presentation of ὁξυολία (»irascibility«) in Mand. 5.1.3 (33.3). The volume ranges widely within and beyond early Christian literature – from the streets of ancient Achaean and Asian πόλεις to the early modern libraries of Europe.

Hirsch-Luipold, Rainer

Gott wahrnehmen

Die Sinne im Johannesevangelium. Ratio Religionis Studien IV



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Surprisingly, the »spiritual gospel« places a special emphasis on the senses. It details a tasting of exceptional wine, the stench of death, a finger in the risen Christ's wounds as an affirmation of new life. Rainer Hirsch-Lüpold interprets these stories as the Johannine answer to the fundamental obstacle in the quest for knowledge of God: the fact that »nobody has ever seen God« (John 1, 18). Based on the idea of an incarnation of the divine Logos, the Fourth Gospel formulates a christological aesthetics of the Invisible. Since the utterly transcendent and unknowable God has stepped over the threshold of his divine being and entered the world, the readers gain an immediate perception of God through the eyes, mouths and noses of first witnesses. According to the Gospel's soteriological pragmatics, the knowledge of God thus rendered leads to belief and, in turn, everlasting life. On the basis of a fresh reading of three exemplary stories, the author presents his overall view of the literary technique, pragmatics and theology of the Gospel according to John.

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Das Verständnis des Glaubens im frühen Christentum und in seiner jüdischen und hellenistisch-römischen Umwelt

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»Faith« has taken center stage in the religious language of Early Christianity and developed into the dominant description of the relationship between humans and God. No writing prior to or beside the New Testament uses the semantic field of »faith« with comparable density. At the same time, the Early Christian talk of faith is embedded into a complex network of perceptions and images, which constitute the addressees' horizon of understanding and lend communicative meaning to the word »faith«. The present volume contains studies on the understanding of faith in the writings of the New Testament as well as in foundational texts of the Old Testament, ancient and rabbinic Judaism, the Greco-Roman world, the Apostolic Fathers, and the Early Church. Reflections from the perspective of church history and systematic theology conclude it.

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Moloney, Francis J.

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The voice of Francis J. Moloney has been heard in Johannine studies for many decades. This volume gathers shorter journal articles from a publishing career that began in 1975, placing them together with new studies that appear for this first time, and thus complementing Moloney's already well-known commentary and scholarly monographs on the Fourth Gospel. The author's work has encompassed all areas of Johannine scholarship – the world that produced and first received the Fourth Gospel, its theology and Christology, and critical analysis of much-discussed passages. Well known for his extensive use of narrative and reader-response criticism, Francis J. Moloney has in more recent years developed an interpretation of the gospel which suggests that the author(s) of this narrative regarded their work as the »completion« of scripture. This unique collection therefore not only provides the past publications of a significant Johannine scholar, but also reflects the development of Johannine scholarship from 1975 until today.



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Das Endgericht bei Paulus

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In the 'New Perspective on Paul' the last judgment does not play any decisive role. According to other Pauline scholars, Paul, in his many fragmentary references to a last judgment, did not presuppose a consistent conception of judgment, but instead used different and sometimes contradicting motives in different contexts. Christian Stettler counters these views from a cognitive semantic perspective. Since in frame semantics language is seen as an 'access point' to encyclopaedic cognitive concepts, the author argues that judgement texts are references to a more detailed concept of the last judgement that Paul presupposed in his letters and taught in his churches. Stettler offers a full reconstruction of this concept by a semantic analysis of all relevant passages and through more extensive interpretation of central texts. The result is a reading of Paul that offers a way forward both to New Perspective and traditional confessional readings.

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The Berlin-Strasbourg Apocryphon

A Coptic Apostolic Memoir

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The present volume offers a new edition, English translation, and interpretation of the *Berlin-Strasbourg Apocryphon*, previously known as the *Gospel of the Savior*. An apocryphal story about Jesus probably transpiring shortly before the Crucifixion, the *Berlin-Strasbourg Apocryphon* claims to recount the narrative as told by the apostles themselves. The text also includes a long hymn sung by Christ to the cross on which he will soon be crucified.

The *Berlin Strasbourg-Apocryphon* is exclusively preserved in Coptic by two fragmentary manuscripts, Papyrus Berolinensis 22220 and Strasbourg Copte 5–7. Additionally, a Coptic manuscript discovered at Qasr el-Wizz in Christian Nubia contains a short version of the Hymn of the Cross.

Until now, it has been almost unanimously accepted that the *Berlin Strasbourg-Apocryphon* is an ancient Christian gospel – probably datable to the second century CE – which was bypassed in the formation of the Christian canon. Approaching the text from the angle of Coptic literature, Alin Suciu rejects this early dating, showing instead that its composition must be located following the Council of Chalcedon (451 CE), whose theological deliberations gradually alienated Egypt from the Byzantine world. The author argues that the *Berlin-Strasbourg Apocryphon* is one of numerous »apostolic memoirs«, a peculiar genre of Coptic literature, which consists of writings allegedly written by the apostles, often embedded in sermons attributed to famous church fathers.

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This volume consists of previously published articles by Frances Young, a scholar of early Christianity, well-known for her work *Biblical Exegesis and the Formation of Christian Culture*, together with a few newly composed additions. The studies collected here are concerned with the New Testament, but their approach is often not in the modern historico-critical mode. Rather, they bring new insight through being informed by the author's patristic specialism, by methodological enquiries, by her interest in doctrinal and theological reading, and by exploration of the very nature and function of sacred scriptures. The significance of this volume lies in the way it exemplifies the extraordinarily interesting changes which have taken place in biblical hermeneutics during the last 50–60 years. Many of the essays could be useful, not only to research specialists, but to advanced undergraduates as well as clergy and preachers.

Frey, Jörg

Von Jesus zur neutestamentlichen Theologie

Kleine Schriften II

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The second volume of collected essays by Jörg Frey contains 22 essays that illuminate the theological claims of New Testament texts from a philological and historical perspective. Issues discussed span the messianism of Jesus and the implicit Christology of his proclamation, the relevance of apocalypticism for Jesus, the different New Testament patterns of interpreting his death, and Paul's background and development as well as questions on his theologies of justification and the cross. Further studies discuss New Testament concepts of salvation, the new covenant in Hebrews, ecclesiological and eschatological issues and the problem of the construction of a Theology of the New Testament. The author demonstrates that the New Testament is to be read both historically and theologically, and that its interpretation is also fruitful for issues of contemporary faith.

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L'adversaire de Dieu – Der Widersacher Gottes

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Ce volume en trois langues réunit des études sur la genèse de la figure littéraire de l'adversaire de Dieu, sur sa présentation et son interprétation dans la Bible hébraïque et dans son homologue chrétienne, dans les textes du judaïsme antique et rabbiniqne et de l'Eglise ancienne et dans des documents gnostiques. Les approches du thème inspirées par l'exégèse et la philologie, l'histoire des religions, la judaïstique, l'histoire des concepts et de la théologie et l'histoire de l'art se côtoient et se complètent. Les contributions, dues à des enseignants-chercheurs des facultés de théologie des universités de Strasbourg, Tübingen et Uppsala traitent de Satan, du Diable, de Beelzeboub, de l'antichrist, du »penchant mauvais« et d'autres forces et démons adversaires de Dieu ainsi que du mal dans l'œuvre du réalisateur danois Lars von Trier.

Der dreisprachige Sammelband enthält Untersuchungen zur Entstehung der literarischen Gestalt des Widersachers Gottes und zu ihrer Darstellung und Deutung in den jüdischen heiligen Schriften, in der christlichen Bibel, in Texten des antiken und rabbiniischen Judentums und der Alten Kirche sowie in gnostischen Texten. Umfassend behandelt werden exegethisch-philologische, religionsgeschichtliche, judaistische sowie begriffs- und theologiegeschichtliche Aspekte des Themas. Die Beiträge von Forscherinnen und Forschern der evangelisch-theologischen Fakultäten der Universitäten Straßburg, Tübingen und Uppsala behandeln die Figur des Satans, des Diablos, des Beelzebub, des Antichristen, des »bösen Trieb« und anderer gottfeindlicher Kräfte und Dämonen sowie das Böse im filmischen Werk des dänischen Regisseurs Lars von Trier.

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The Book of Revelation is a peculiar text whose special status in early Christianity is manifested by its manuscript attestation, transmission, literary references and discussions among early Church writers. This special status forms the nucleus of these collected essays and is highlighted from various perspectives. Nowadays of course, the Apocalypse has become a treasure trove of famous motifs for artists, composers, poets and novelists. On the other hand, however, it also appears to be something of a *bon mot* in that its manuscript tradition is rather sparse and highly distinctive. With the help of single phenomena that revolve around the extraordinary attestation and transmission of Revelation, the authors here are able to unveil how its peculiarity was perceived in early Christianity. Its manifestation in manuscripts and in the lively controversy about its value and orthodoxy thus resulted in it being treated as unique.

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It is widely believed that the early Christians copied their texts themselves without a great deal of expertise, and that some copyists introduced changes to support their theological beliefs. In this volume, however, Alan Mugridge examines all of the extant Greek papyri bearing Christian literature up to the end of the 4th century, as well as several comparative groups of papyri, and concludes that, on the whole, Christian texts, like most literary texts in the Roman world, were copied by trained scribes. Professional Christian scribes probably became more common after the time of Constantine, but this study suggests that in the early centuries the copyists of Christian texts in Greek were normally trained scribes, Christian or not, who reproduced those texts as part of their trade and, while they made mistakes, copied them as accurately as any other texts they were called upon to copy.

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The Septuagint is a Jewish Bible translation which came into existence in the 3rd century BC and became Judaism's basis in the Greek-speaking world. From a historical textual perspective, it is the most important source for the Old Testament besides the Hebrew-Masoretic text and the only very partially preserved biblical Qumran texts. This volume's contributions cover a wide spectrum of this discipline's themes – Septuagint Studies is a separate field lying at the interface of ancient Judaism and the historical-exegetical oriented theological disciplines – and arose from the Septuagint Deutsch Project's 5th International Conference.

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While there has been much scholarly attention devoted to the Enochic *Book of the Watchers*, much less has been paid to the *Book of Giants* from Qumran. This volume is the proceedings of a conference that convened in Munich, Germany, in June 2014, which was devoted to the giants of Enochic tradition and in particular the Qumran *Book of Giants*. It engages the topic of the giants in relation to various ancient contexts, including the Hebrew Bible, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and ancient Mesopotamia. The authors of this volume give particular attention to Manichaeism, especially the Manichaean *Book of Giants*, fragments of which were found in Turfan (western China). They contribute to our understanding of the range of stories Jews told in antiquity about the sons of the watchers who descended to earth and their vibrant *Nachleben* in Manichaeism.

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The Prologue of the Gospel of John

Its Literary, Theological, and Philosophical Contexts. Papers read at the Colloquium Ioanneum 2013

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A key to understanding the Gospel of John is, in many respects, its prologue; yet questions regarding its origin and background, its structure, use of Greek philosophical terms, and indeed its relationship to the rest of the gospel still remain open. The papers in this volume address each of these questions and were presented at the first meeting of the Colloquium Ioanneum, a group of distinguished international Johannine scholars broadly representing different nationalities, religious traditions and approaches to the gospel. The first part offers differing assessments of the background, literary, and theological elements of the prologue, while the second examines presuppositions, methods, and perspectives involved in philosophical interpretation of the Gospel of John.

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Studien zum Matthäusevangelium

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This collection contains the essays written between 2003 and 2015 by Matthias Konradt on questions of the historical context of Matthew's gospel and Matthean theology. The contributions are divided into three sections. The first of these, »Matthew in Context«, discusses the relationship between Matthew's congregation(s) and Judaism as well as the historical-theological positioning of his gospel within emerging Christianity. The essays in the second part focus on Christology and the role of Israel in Matthew's theology while those in the third part – besides a study on Matthew's understanding of faith – feature works on fundamental aspects of Matthew's ethics. Along with previously published essays, which have been reviewed, brought up-to-date and partly extensively revised, this volume also presents studies appearing for the first time.

Luz, Ulrich

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In this volume, Ulrich Luz presents 32 exegetical studies, nearly all of which were written between 1985 and 2015. Five of these are published for the first time while five others make their German language debut. The majority of the studies are reproduced in German with others in English. The author deals among other things with the Sayings-Source Q, the gospels of Mark and John as well as the Corpus Paulinum. Each chapter is prefaced by an annotative, evaluating introduction. In the chapter on Matthew – the most important focus of his work – Ulrich Luz pursues the fundamental hermeneutic question of how we are to read Matthew's Jesus story from the inside; that is, as participants. What understanding of »truth« does Matthew presuppose?

Metapher – Narratio – Mimesis – Doxologie

Begründungsformen frühchristlicher und antiker Ethik. Kontexte und Normen neutestamentlicher Ethik / Contexts and Norms of New Testament Ethics. Band VII
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The essays collected in this volume deal with the founding essentials of ancient Christian ethics – metaphor, narration, mimesis and doxology – and were delivered during the four symposiums of the 2012–2014 Mainz Moral Meetings. An interdisciplinary approach encompasses the forms in which Early Christianity constructed a specific ethos outside of explicit, rational-ethical reflection which still determines Western thinking today. The authors of the contributions examine the metaphors through which the ethical power of persuasion is derived, the implicit value-discourse of the »narrative-ethic«, the conforming of the self to a person or ideal within the framework of a »mimetic-ethic« and finally the justification of action »doxology-ethic« which is offered as a speech act of praise and celebration. It is thereby shown that forms of speech do not just represent insignificant vehicles but also defining ethical mediums of expression for ethics.

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Pokorný, Petr

Jesus in Geschichte und Bekenntnis

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This volume contains 19 essays by Petr Pokorný that provide a unique overview of Jesus research and early Christology. The author presents case studies dealing with the problem of the relationship between the first and early Christian christologies and the Jesus of history. They also examine Jesus research's theological basis and its relationship with systematic theology and philosophy as well as the methodology of critical Jesus research. Other essays answer individual questions on Jesus of Nazareth's relationship to John the Baptist, how Jesus related to Paul, and the language of the oldest traditions concerning Jesus. Furthermore, the author explores the Sermon on the Mount and its inner ethics structure, the Passion narrative, and how Jesus' role is presented in each of the gospels and non-Christian testimonies.

The Holy Spirit and the Church according to the New Testament

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This collection of essays contains the papers given at the Sixth International East-West Symposium of New Testament Scholars in Belgrade, Serbia. The symposium was a project of the Eastern Europe Liaison Committee of Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas. Main subject matters of the volume are the Holy Spirit in New Testament writings (particularly Luke-Acts, the Gospel of John and Paul), the reception and interpretation of biblical texts about the Holy Spirit in patristic theology, ancient Christian liturgy and iconography, and reflection on the role of the Holy Spirit in church life. Contributions from seminars are devoted to extra-biblical ancient Jewish and early Christian sources. All topics are discussed from a »Western« (Protestant and Roman-Catholic) theological and exegetical perspective as well as from an Orthodox point of view. An introduction reflects the results of the symposium, sketches recent research on the Holy Spirit in the New Testament scholarship and briefly points to texts and problems belonging to the topic but not dealt with in the volume.

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The Last Years of Paul

Essays from the Tarragona Conference, June 2013

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What happened in the last few years of Paul's life? Did he ever get to Spain? How and why did he die? Were his plans fulfilled or frustrated? How should we interpret our scant sources? And what light can be shed on these matters by the social, historical, and legal context of Paul's life? In this fresh investigation of the central historical questions, a group of leading international scholars bring together their collective expertise on the apostle Paul and on the Roman, Jewish and early Christian worlds in which he lived and died. Through new scrutiny of all the key sources, a number of fresh questions and hypotheses are developed, with wide significance for all who wish to know about the climactic and traumatic final years of Paul.

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New Approaches to a Classical Text



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Parable research has to a large degree ignored the Sermon on the Mount (SM) and for its part, research into the SM has likewise left the parables by the wayside. However, the use of parabolic language in more than one third of the SM influences its interpretation and indeed opens up a new approach to it. In the current volume, Ernst Baasland focuses on this important factor, whilst also taking the rhetoric of Jesus' teaching into consideration. The author maintains that rhetorical features have a great bearing on the interpretation of the text with the overall structure illuminating the entire composition of the sermon. Fresh insights into its oration therefore serve to challenge the source problem in a new way. The religious and philosophical settings of this most well-known of Christ's preachings are clarified by its parables and rhetoric; and the sermon's Jewish background has often been investigated. While the author continues with that particular task, he simultaneously affords more emphasis to the parallels in (Greek) Hellenistic literature. The combining of all these factors leads to a clearer comprehension of the Sermon on the Mount's philosophy of life and provides a better understanding of this classical text.

Eskola, Timo

A Narrative Theology of the New Testament

Exploring the Metanarrative of Exile and Restoration

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Focusing on the metanarrative of exile and restoration Timo Eskola claims that a post-liberal, narrative New Testament theology is both consistent and explanatory. Combining a post-New Quest perspective on Jesus with an eschatological reading of Paul, the author states that Jesus' temple criticism aims at restoration eschatology. Jesus starts a priestly community that expects God's jubilee to begin with Jesus' work, and proceed with the preaching of the new gospel. The reception of this message in the post-Easter church results in resurrection Christology that proclaims Jesus' Davidic kingship on God's throne of glory. Both Paul and Jewish Christian teachers later present Christ's community as a new temple where believers serve the Lord as priests of the new covenant. Furthermore, restoration eschatology provides a new basis for understanding Paul's contrast with the words of the law, and his teaching of justification.

»Eskola [...] has written by far the most erudite and helpful of the narrative theologies to date for NT study.«
Craig L. Blomberg in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 59 (2016), S. 869–871

»Eskola has accomplished the aims of this study. He has skillfully demonstrated how the metanarrative of exile and restoration is at work in Jesus's message and in the early Christian proclamation of the gospel. He has also well demonstrated and discussed the Jewish background that undergirds such theological appropriation through extensive and deft interactions with the Old Testament and Second Temple writings.«
Abson Joseph in *Review of Biblical Literature*, <https://www.bookreviews.org> (8/2017)

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The theory on restoration eschatology proposed by Sanders and Wright provides the cornerstone for Timo Eskola's building up of the premise that the metanarrative of exile and restoration can be used as an explanation when explicating New Testament theology. Jewish texts foretold that the Messiah would end Israel's exile and build for God an eschatological temple wherewith Jesus went on to proclaim the contrast between the corrupt earthly temple and his own heavenly one. This teaching brought to an end the exilic condition which had persisted throughout the centuries. For Jesus, the era starting with John the Baptist was one filled with tribulations and inter-familial strife which saw Israel continue to kill prophets. The implication is that the Son of Man must suffer too in order for peace to reign in Israel, with the resurrection of Jesus representing the end-time enthronement when God is crowned King and those living in slavery to sin are released.

The early Christology developed by Jesus' followers presents the Savior as Christ and Ruler of the new kingdom of peace who grants the fruits of restoration to those faithful to him. The author recognizes a direct connection between Jesus' eschatology and early enthronement Christology, and discusses several christological narratives which elaborate on different restoration eschatology features.

The metanarrative has shed light on essential features in Second Temple nomism and Pauline concepts about the law. Furthermore, it helps explain the nature of justification and has proven invaluable when interpreting the new community as Christ's temple where the Holy Spirit has returned.

Rediscovering the Apocryphal Continent

New Perspectives on Early Christian and Late Antique Apocryphal Texts and Traditions
Ed. by Pierluigi Piovanelli and Tony Burke with the collaboration of Timothy Pettipiece



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This volume collects the contributions of a group of North American scholars who started rethinking, in 2004, the traditional category of New Testament Apocrypha, largely dominated by theological concerns, according to the new perspectives of a greater continuity not only between Second Temple Jewish and early Christian scriptural productions, but also between early Christian and late antique apocryphal literatures. This is the result of the confluence of two, so far, alternative approaches: on the one hand, the deconstruction of the customary categories, inherited from ancient heresiology, of »Jewish Christianity« and »Gnosticism«, and on the other hand, the new awareness that the production of new apocryphal texts did not cease at the end of the third century but continued well into late antiquity and beyond. These papers bring together for the first time the typically North American need to reconsider »The Ways That Never Parted« and other artificially drawn »Border Lines« with the more European attention paid to the phenomenon of apocryphicity in the long term. In the twenty essays published here, different facets of this apocryphal continent are newly explored, from the Christian appropriation of Jewish stories and literary genres, with a special emphasis on the case of the late antique Pseudo-Clementines and their hypothetical Jewish Christian source, to the complex and controversial situation of the narrative roles attributed to such figures as Judas Iscariot, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of Jesus, or Peter. These new insights are particularly relevant not only for the history of the first Jesus movement but also, and especially, for gaining a better understanding of the ways Judaism and Christianity evolved initially together, then side by side, according to a process of differentiation that took more time than previously thought.

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Early Christian and Jewish Narrative

The Role of Religion in Shaping Narrative Forms

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The authors of this volume elucidate the remarkable role played by religion in the shaping and reshaping of narrative forms in antiquity and late antiquity in a variety of ways. This is particularly evident in ancient Jewish and Christian narrative, which is in the focus of most of the contributions, but also in some »pagan« novels such as that of Heliodorus, which is dealt with as well in the third part of the volume, both in an illuminating comparison with Christian novels and in an inspiring rethinking of Heliodorus's relation to Neoplatonism. All of these essays, from different perspectives, illuminate the interplay between narrative and religion, and show how religious concerns and agendas shaped narrative forms in Judaism and early Christianity. A series of compelling and innovative articles, all based on fresh and often groundbreaking research by eminent specialists, is divided into three large sections: part one deals with ancient Jewish narrative, and part two with ancient Christian narrative, in particular gospels, acts, biographies, and martyrologies, while part three offers a comparison with »pagan« narrative, and especially the religious novel of Heliodorus, both in terms of social perspectives and in terms of philosophical and religious agendas. Like the essays collected by Marília Fute Pinheiro, Judith Perkins, and Richard Pervo in 2013, which investigate the core role played by narratives in Christian and Jewish self-fashioning in the Roman Empire, the present volume fruitfully bridges the disciplinary gap between classical studies and ancient Jewish and Christian studies, offers new insights, and hopefully opens up new paths of inquiry.

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Dunderberg, Ismo

Gnostic Morality Revisited

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The early Christian texts discussed in this book are often treated as »gnostic« ones. The studies by Ismo Dunderberg collected here, however, approach them as witnesses to the views of educated second-century Christians engaged in dialogue with philosophical traditions. Following the idea that ancient philosophical schools first and foremost provided their adherents with a way of life, the author explores issues related to morality and lifestyle in non-canonical gospels and among groups that were gradually denounced as heretical in the church. Prominent themes he deals with in this book include the soul's progress from material concerns to a life dominated by spirit, the control of emotions (such as desire, anger and grief), the avoidance of luxury, the ideal »perfect human« as a tool in moral instruction, classifications of humankind into distinct groups based upon their moral advancement, and Christian debates about the value of martyrdom. In addition Dunderberg offers a critical review of some recent trends and attitudes towards New Testament scholarship, especially those in which the non-canonical texts discussed in this book are either ignored or deemed as irrelevant, irrational, and sometimes even dangerous.

Poetik und Intertextualität der Johannesapokalypse

Hrsg. v. Stefan Alkier, Thomas Hieke u. Tobias Nicklas, in Zus.-Arb. m. Michael Sommer

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Although the Book of Revelation may seem to be a strange piece of writing to modern readers, it can be understood as a highly elaborate and in some respects unique ancient discourse of surprising literary quality and theological impact. The present volume discusses questions of the text's language, its style and poetic concept. It presents studies on the relation of time and space in the Book of Revelation and on the significance of books for its storyline and discusses the question as to whether Revelation could be labeled »fantastic literature.« Several studies deal with the question of Revelation's intertextual relations: besides a focus on the text's relation to Old Testament and early Jewish literature, the question of the text's relation to the Fourth Gospel, to writings from the Hellenistic-Roman world and to important aspects of its reception history is discussed anew.

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Balch, David L.

Contested Ethnicities and Images

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Ethnic values changed as Imperial Rome expanded, challenging ethnocentric values in Rome itself, as well as in Greece and Judea. Rhetorically, Roman, Greek, and Judean writers who eulogized their cities all claimed they would receive foreigners. Further, Greco-Roman narratives of urban tensions between rich and poor, proud and humble, promoted reconciliation and fellowship between social classes. Luke wrote Acts in this ethnic, economic, political context, narrating Jesus as a founder who changed laws to encourage receiving foreigners, which promoted civic, missionary growth and legitimated interests of the poor and humble. David L. Balch relates Roman art to early Christianity and introduces famous, pre-Roman Corinthian artists. He shows women visually represented as priests, compares Dionysian and Corinthian charismatic speech and argues that larger assemblies of the earliest, Pauline believers »sat« (1 Cor 14.30) in taverns. Also, the author demonstrates that the image of a pregnant woman in Revelation 12 subverts imperial claims to the divine origin of the emperor, before finally suggesting that visual representations by Roman domestic artists of »a category of women who upset expected forms of conduct« (Bergmann) encouraged early Christian women like Thecla, Perpetua and Felicitas to move beyond gender stereotypes of being victims. Balch concludes with two book reviews, one of Nicolas Wiater's book on the Greek biographer and historian Dionysius, who was a model for both Josephus and Luke-Acts, the second of a book by Frederick Brenk on Hellenistic philosophy and mystery religion in relation to earliest Christianity.

Chapman, David W. / Schnabel, Eckhard J.

The Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus

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Paul's Letter to the Philippians is one of the most important but also most difficult parts of the corpus Paulinum. The main difficulties are caused by unresolved issues in the interpretation, which are reflected in the current commentary literature. In the present work, Hans Dieter Betz does not offer a full commentary, but rather seven chapters of new exegetical investigations focusing on controversial passages and issues of the letter. These chapters represent separate engagements over a period of several years and employ the standard historical-critical methodologies, including rhetorical and literary criticism. The introduction clarifies the author's understanding and use of key terminology such as text, manuscript, translation, critical-historical commentary, literary criticism, letter and letter-writing, literary integrity, and verification. As a result, the studies offer new proposals for analyzing difficult passages and issues, and lay the groundwork for understanding the letter as a whole. This letter is decisive primarily for understanding Paul's thinking and acting during his last days when he was imprisoned in Rome (ca. 62 CE). In this situation, he sees clearly what is at stake for his own »life or death«, his churches, his collaborators, and the Gospel mission in the future. He took this last letter as being his final chance to set an example on facing personal catastrophe, even raising the question as to whether or not everything had been in vain. He wrote in retrospect of his entire life, but also looking forward to beyond his own death.

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Early Christian Communities Between Ideal and Reality

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The authors of this volume explore the notion of community as reflected upon in the writings of the Apostolic Fathers. Various aspects are dealt with, including concerns for organising the community, developing a sacramental and liturgical praxis, constructing identity against outsiders, spreading the Christian message, and building towards a better community. The interplay between ideal and reality in the sources offers some reliable information about day-to-day concerns and concrete situations in Christian communities from the end of the first century up to about 150 CE.

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Rothschild, Clare K.

Paul in Athens

The Popular Religious Context of Acts 17

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Paul's visit to Athens, in particular his Areopagus speech, is one of the most well known excerpts of early Christian literature. It is the most significant speech by Paul to a Gentile audience in Acts and functions as a literary crest of the overall narrative. Yet at the same time the speech is brief and possesses few specifically Christian terms. Critical analyses describe it as eclectic—an *ad hoc* blend of Greek and Jewish elements. In this study, Clare K. Rothschild explores how the apparently miscellaneous and impromptu components of Paul's speech and visit to Athens cohere when compared to the nexus of ubiquitously popular second-century traditions crystallized around the ancient Cretan prophet Epimenides. Precursor to the Rip Van Winkle legend, Epimenides was numbered among the seven sages, dubbed ἀνὴρ θεῖος by Plato, and venerated as cult transfer figure *par excellence* for transferring Cretan Zeus worship to Athens. Rothschild exposes correspondences between *Epimenidea* and the Lukan Paul, focusing on, but not limited to, the altar inscribed to »an unknown god and the saying, «In him we live and move and have our being» (17:28a). Scholars have overlooked the significance of Epimenidean traditions by clinging too fervently to the presence of Stoic and Epicurean philosophers in Acts 17. The present treatment does not deny connections between Paul's Areopagitica and popular philosophical ideals, but seeks to show that, in tandem with these motifs, the episode of Paul in Athens utilizes popular 'religious' topoi to reinforce the Lukan theme of cult transfer.

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The History of Religions School Today

Essays on the New Testament and Related Ancient Mediterranean Texts

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The present volume offers a glimpse at one currently thriving expression of the distinguished history of religions school approach to the New Testament and early Christian literature. Begun circa 1884 at the University of Göttingen and pioneered by scholars such as Albert Eichhorn, Wilhelm Bousset, Johannes Weiss, and William Wrede, today applications of this approach are diverse. Scholars adapt the method, incorporating the latest technologies and insights, to optimize the school's original goal of accurate biblical interpretation. In North America, the University of Chicago has long been a hub of this type of investigation. Over the last century, many of these Chicago studies have produced groundbreaking results. Still, the approach has never been without its critics. Applying the history of religions school approach to a range of interesting topics and themes, the essays in this collection demonstrate against current opposition how the history of religions school continues to steer scholarly innovation in the field of New Testament studies by offering constructive new interpretations of early Christian and other writings and advancing discussion in key areas of research.

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Hermeneutik der frühchristlichen Wundererzählungen

Geschichtliche, literarische und rezeptionsorientierte Perspektiven

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Miracle stories have always been a source of fascination, but in many respects they also cause considerable problems of interpretation. This volume on the hermeneutics of early Christian miracle stories focuses on the current state of research and pursues the discussion. In addition to a discussion of the basic issues, the early Christian miracle stories are also examined against the backdrop of their ancient environment. This is followed by articles on linguistic form, narratological structure and literary form. The volume concludes with a series of articles dealing specifically with the significance of the texts for the present. Apart from the approaches of depth psychology, feminism and cultural anthropology, the significance of the early Christian miracle stories for use in practice in schools and social welfare work is also addressed.

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Weidemann, Hans-Ulrich

Taufe und Mahlgemeinschaft

Studien zur Vorgeschichte der altkirchlichen Taufeucharistie

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In almost all known liturgies of early Christianity, the baptismal eucharist is the goal and the culmination of the initiation. In this study, which approaches the subject from the perspective of exegesis and liturgical history, Hans-Ulrich Weidemann reconstructs the history of this reciprocal relationship between baptism and cultic meals against the backdrop of the multiform early Christian eucharistic practice. In order to do this, he studies the major sources from the 2nd and 3rd centuries: the Didache, Justin, the apocryphal Acts of Peter, Paul and Thomas, the Pseudo-Clementines, Tertullian as well as the so-called Traditio Apostolica. He then analyzes those text passages in the New Testament in which there are reports of postbaptismal meals or in which baptism and the Eucharist are related to one another: the Acts of the Apostles, 1 Corinthians and Galatians as well as Hebrews.

Williams, Travis B.

Good Works in 1 Peter

Negotiating Social Conflict and Christian Identity in the Greco-Roman World

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In scholarship on 1 Peter, most interpreters understand the letter's call to »do good« as an admonition to behave in a manner which was consistent with popular standards of conduct. As such, many contend that the Petrine readers could expect their »good works« to be favorably acknowledged by Greco-Roman society. This fact is significant considering that good works are one of the primary paraenetic themes in the epistle, providing the readers with a strategic plan of response for the conflict in which they are engaged. For many years, this consensus reading of good works has shaped and directed investigations of the letter's social strategy. Travis B. Williams' goal is to challenge the modern consensus regarding the meaning and function of good works in 1 Peter in order to thereby provide a fresh reading of the letter's social strategy. Drawing on recent insights from postcolonial theory and social psychology the author demonstrates that the exhortation to »do good« envisages a pattern of conduct which stands opposed to popular values. The Petrine author appropriates terminology that was commonly associated with wealth and social privilege and reinscribes it with a new meaning in order to provide his marginalized readers with an alternative vision of reality, one in which the honor and approval so valued in society is finally available to them. The good works theme thus articulates a competing discourse which challenges dominant social structures and the hegemonic ideology which underlies them.

Early Christian Prayer and Identity Formation

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The contributors of this volume address the question of identity among Christ-believers from the viewpoint of prayer. Prayer brings into the discussion several dimensions that make up religious identity. It is attested rather early that prayer was theology performed, and thus intertwined with emerging theologies. Furthermore, prayer was Christocentric in orientation and focus. As of yet, these aspects have not received due attention in scholarly discussions. Christian identity, albeit fragile and complex, was taking shape already in the first century and found itself on the verge between textual phenomenon and social realities. The texts had an impact on those who were exposed to them, in creating representations of social reality, but were not to be identified with that reality. Texts on prayer are prescriptive in that they recommend certain notions of Christian identity, with the addressees invited to embrace certain ways of thinking and acting. The present volume looks into that process.

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Stuckenbruck, Loren T.

The Myth of Rebellious Angels

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The mythical story of fallen angels preserved in *1 Enoch* and related literature was influential during the Second Temple period. This myth, initially attested in the Enochic Book of Watchers and picked up in further parts of *1 Enoch*, was received in writings composed in Aramaic, Hebrew, and Greek, and had a profound impact on streams of religious thought in the western and oriental world, as well as in Africa. This volume collects studies by Loren T. Stuckenbruck that explore aspects of this influence in some of the literature and demonstrate how it was reused and adapted to address new cultural and religious contexts (*Book of Giants*, *Book of Jubilees*, Dead Sea Scrolls, Book of Tobit, Book of Daniel, *Genesis Apocryphon*, Philo). In addition, apart from whether influence of the fallen angels' tradition can be established, Stuckenbruck analyses the degree to which it offers a theological framework through which to reconsider theological approaches to several New Testament texts (Synoptic Gospels, Gospel of John, Acts, Pauline texts, and the Book of Revelation). Themes covered in the essays include demonology, prominent evil figures, giants, exorcism, petitionary prayer, the birth and activity of Jesus, the holy Spirit, conversion of Gentiles, »apocalyptic« and the understanding of time, and theological anthropology.

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From Synagogue to Ecclesia

Matthew's Community at the Crossroads

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Charles E. Carlston and Craig A. Evans examine in detail five major motifs in the theology of Matthew: Christology, Law, Church, Scripture and Tradition, as well as History and Eschatology.

In this study they reveal a Jewish-Christian author who attempts to mediate the traditions of Judaism and early Christianity to Christian churches in his area that are becoming increasingly composed of former Gentiles. Diversity then, as now, offers both a challenge and an opportunity. The evangelist, moreover, was faced with rejection by the synagogue and strongly voiced skepticism with regard to the proclamation of Jesus as Israel's Messiah. To encourage believers and defend the story of Jesus, the evangelist shows how prophetic Scripture and the demands of Torah have been fulfilled. While not all of the specifics of Matthew's program are immediately usable today, the evangelist offers valuable guidance for the contemporary church in our vastly different historical situation.

Ferdinand Christian Baur und die Geschichte des frühen Christentums

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Ferdinand Christian Baur (1792–1860) can be seen as one of the most important sources of inspiration for the development of historical-critical research in the 19th century. His immense body of work covers many areas of the New Testament, the history of the church and of dogma. Baur's works contain numerous ideas which can be applied to current discussion in which many fundamental questions in regard to the historical-critical method are being posed. These ideas are dealt with in individual studies by the authors of this volume, which provide reconstructions of Baur's view on various subjects from the New Testament and early church history as well as studies on the relationship between Baur and Strauß, Hegel's philosophy and Baur's significance for practical theology. This creates an image of Baur's theological and historical approach which can give the current discussion more depth.

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Scriptures and Sectarianism

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The Dead Sea Scrolls include many texts that were produced by a sectarian movement (and also many that were not). The movement had its origin in disputes about the interpretation of the Scriptures, especially the Torah, not in disputes about the priesthood as had earlier been assumed. The definitive break with the rest of Judean society should be dated to the first century BCE rather than to the second. While the Scrolls include few texts that are explicitly historical, they remain a valuable resource for historical reconstruction. John J. Collins illustrates how the worldview of the sect involved a heightened sense of involvement in the heavenly, angelic world, and the hope for an afterlife in communion with the angels. While the ideology of the sect known from the Scrolls is very different from that of early Christianity, the two movements drew on common traditions, especially those found in the Hebrew Scriptures.

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Gäckle, Volker

Allgemeines Priestertum

Zur Metaphorisierung des Priestertitels im Frühjudentum und Neuen Testament

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The doctrine of common priesthood has been an integral part of Protestant ecclesiology and clerical theology since the Reformation. It owes its prominence to the reception history of only a very few passages in 1 Peter and the Apocalypse of John. Can this evidence bear the burden of proof imposed on it? How can we understand how people were given the title of priest although in view of their parentage, their education or role in life they were not priests? Based on the status of priests and their functions in Greco-Roman antiquity and in the Old Testament, Volker Gäckle traces the conflicts surrounding the priesthood, temple and cult in the various schools of thought in Judaism during the Second Temple in order to understand what Jewish-Christian authors meant by applying the priest metaphor to early Christian communities.



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Feldmeier, Reinhart

Der Höchste

Studien zur hellenistischen Religionsgeschichte und zum biblischen Gottesglauben

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Jutta Leonhardt-Balzer in *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 37(5), 2015, pp. 12–13

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Synoptic Problems

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This volume contains a collection of twenty-one essays of John S. Kloppenborg, with four foci: conceptual and methodological issues in the Synoptic Problem; the Sayings Gospel Q; the Gospel of Mark; and the Parables of Jesus. Kloppenborg, a major contributor to the Synoptic Problem, is especially interested in how one constructs synoptic hypotheses, always aware of the many gaps in our knowledge, the presence of competing hypotheses, and the theological and historical entailments in any given hypothesis. Common to the essays in the remaining three sections is the insistence that the literature, thought and practices of the early Jesus movement must be treated with a deep awareness of their social, literary, and intellectual contexts. The context of the early Jesus movement is illuminated not simply by resort to the literary and historical sources produced by Greek and Roman elites but, more importantly, by data gathered from documentary sources available in non-literary papyri.

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Tuckett, Christopher

From the Sayings to the Gospels

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Traditions about Jesus in the early Christian sources (primarily the canonical gospels, but also in Paul's letters, non-canonical gospels and other texts) can provide valuable information about Jesus; but they can also show us how early Christians used these traditions to inform and address their own situations and contexts. The 28 essays by Christopher Tuckett collected in this volume represent a number of studies, originally published over a period of 30 years, seeking to throw light on the way in which Jesus traditions were developed and used in early Christianity. In the first four essays the author focuses on a number of aspects of the Synoptic Problem, seeking to defend a form of the Two Source Theory. A substantial part of the book comprises over 10 essays about the Sayings Source »Q«, discussing its existence, its possible pre-history, its language, as well as key features and theological aspects of the material it contains. Three essays discuss Jesus traditions found in Paul's letters, asking what light they might throw on similar material also contained in the gospel tradition. Two essays focus on the non-canonical *Gospel of Thomas*, its possible relationship to the canonical gospels and issues about how much light it might shed on the historical Jesus. A number of essays in the final part of the volume discuss different aspects of the individual synoptic gospels. A feature of many of the essays in the collection here is to focus on the question of Christology in general, and the use of the term »Son of Man« in particular.



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Cook, John Granger

Crucifixion in the Mediterranean World

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John Granger Cook traces the use of the penalty by the Romans until its probable abolition by Constantine. Rabbinic and legal sources are not neglected. The material contributes to the understanding of the crucifixion of Jesus and has implications for the theologies of the cross in the New Testament. Images and photographs are included in this volume.

»[Cook] has offered the guild of classicists and New Testament scholars much more: an immensely detailed depiction of crucifixion in the ancient world replete with insightful commentary and illuminating images that will likely become the standard in the field for generations to come.«
Charles L. Quarles in *Review of Biblical Literature*, <http://www.bookreviews.org> (04/2015)

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Donald Senior in *The Bible Today* 2014, p. 375–376

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Jim West on <http://zwingliusredivivus.wordpress.com/2014/10/03/crucifixion-in-the-mediterranean-world/>

Nagel, Peter

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This volume contains the Coptic texts and parallel German translations of nine Coptic-Gnostic and Coptic-Manichaean Gospels and Acts of the Apostles from Nag Hammadi, the Berlin Gnostic Codex 8502 and from the recently discovered Codex Tchacos. It presents a detailed introduction to each text, describing its background, origin and literary forms. The Coptic texts are accompanied by a critical apparatus, based on the examination of facsimiles or the manuscripts themselves, and the previous editions. The translations are supplemented by explanatory notes or comments. The volume is completed by indices of proper names and biblical quotations. Included are the Gospels according to Mary, Thomas and Philip, the Gospel of Truth and the Gospel of Judas as well as two Acts of Peter.

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This volume contains studies of the text and the textual history of the Septuagint, its philology and geography as well as its theology and reception history. It provides an overview of the current state of research and shows prospects for further research. This volume is the result of an international conference held by the Septuaginta Deutsch Project in Wuppertal in July of 2012.

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The struggles to define what »gospel« was and to bolster a leader's or a group's legitimacy amidst inter-ecclesial competitors are hallmarks of much early Christian literature. Commencing with James A. Kelhoffer's inaugural lecture at Uppsala University, this volume makes available sixteen revised and updated articles, originally published between 1998 and 2013, focusing on method, »gospel» and legitimacy. In regard to method, it is argued that the so-called »historical-critical method« should not be construed as just one method in contrast to (or, as an alternative to) newer methods and approaches to biblical studies. Kelhoffer's investigations of »gospel« in early Christian literature include when εὐαγγέλιον came to designate a written »Gospel«, whether Basilides of Alexandria wrote a Gospel, Paul's concept of *Heilsgeschichte*, and patristic debates about the original conclusion to Mark. Examinations of struggles for legitimacy survey a range of topics and literature – the prayers attributed to the Maccabees, miracles as a confirmation of Paul's legitimacy as an apostle, Luke's apologetic portrayal of Paul as a former persecutor of the church, a readiness to withstand persecution as a source of authentication according to Paul and the Revelation of John, Hippolytus of Rome's attacks against miracle-working 'heretics,' and the allegedly higher status of maimed »confessors« at the Council of Nicaea. Those already familiar with Kelhoffer's *Miracle and Mission* (2000), *Diet of John the Baptist* (2005) and *Persecution, Persuasion and Power* (2010) will find in this volume refreshing insights suggested but not developed in his other books.

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Caragounis, Chrys C.

New Testament Language and Exegesis

A Diachronic Approach

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A sequel as well as an advance on the author's study *The Development of Greek and the New Testament* (WUNT 167), Chrys C. Caragounis applies the diachronic or holistic approach to the exegesis of the New Testament in this volume. He takes up for discussion a number of grammatico-syntactical areas of the New Testament and shows that previous exegesis, misguided by a myopic view of and approach to the Greek language, has not infrequently played havoc with the meaning and interpretation of its text. He studies the language of the New Testament in the light of historical developments that changed Greek from classical to 'Hellenistic', then to Byzantine, and finally to Neohellenic. These explain the oddities or peculiarities of the New Testament Greek, showing them to be a part of a much larger process at modernizing the language. By drawing upon the whole linguistic evidence available, the reader is led to a more genuine, more correct understanding of the New Testament text.

Anthropologie und Ethik im Frühjudentum und im Neuen Testament

Wechselseitige Wahrnehmungen. Internationales Symposium in Verbindung mit dem Projekt Corpus
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Hrsg. v. Matthias Konradt u. Esther Schläpfer

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This volume is a collection of the contributions to a symposium which, in the endeavor to perceive early Jewish and New Testament texts in light of one another, dedicated 14 paired papers to the analysis of central anthropological and ethical topics from the perspectives of New Testament as well as early Jewish literature, in particular the so-called pseudepigrapha. These articles range in their content from the motif of being made in the image of God, the question of sin and dealing with violence, aspects of sexual ethics and ethics of property and behavior towards the needy to the »end of man.« More comprehensive articles deal methodologically with the »dialogue« between early Jewish and New Testament writings and thematically address the anthropological and ethical significance of human dignity and obligation, of conversion experiences and of human sustenance.

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The Miraculous in the Ancient Mediterranean

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Reports of the miraculous abound in early Christian literature, in early Jewish texts and in the works of various Greco-Roman authors. In this collection of essays, largely the product of a symposium held at the University of Regensburg in June 2011, scholars specializing in a wide range of areas involving the ancient Mediterranean explore the representation of miracles in ancient literature. The central questions addressed include the following: How do ancient authors express their attitude toward the miracles they report? What value do they place in miraculous accounts? Which literary techniques do authors use to indicate whether or not they take a particular miraculous occurrence as true? How do they qualify, cast doubt on, or deny the validity of a report? Against this backdrop, a further question comes to the fore: What are the relationships between the multiple literary genres and religious contexts within which miraculous stories are told? These questions are raised and variously answered in essays treating the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, rabbinic sources, Christian apocrypha, martyrdom stories, and the works of Greek and Roman authors, including Galen and Lucian of Samosata. The contribution of this volume lies in the juxtaposition of various perspectives: Jewish, Christian and pagan authors are all brought into play; texts in which accounts of miracles are narrated are discussed alongside texts in which authors reflect on such accounts – either positively or negatively.

Kazen, Thomas

Scripture, Interpretation, or Authority?

Motives and Arguments in Jesus' Halakic Conflicts

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In this study of motives and arguments in Jesus' halakic conflicts, Thomas Kazen suggests a way out of the present methodological impasse in the use of traditional criteria of authenticity in historical Jesus research, at least when it comes to those Jesus traditions that relate to halakic issues. Kazen employs results from recent research on the development of halakah during the Second Temple period, in particular from Aharon Shemesh's discussion of two models (developmental and reflective) for explaining halakic development within and between various Jewish movements, and three areas of tension for analyzing dissenting views (revelation *vs.* interpretation, Scripture *vs.* tradition, and nominalism *vs.* realism). Kazen revisits the Synoptic conflict narratives about Sabbath observance, purity rules and divorce practices, and discusses motives and arguments ascribed to Jesus, whether implicitly or explicitly, by the texts themselves, or by modern interpreters. By combining analyses of halakic development with tradition and redaction criticism, Kazen disentangles theological motives from reasonable historical explanations and suggests relative dates and contexts for motives and arguments often ascribed to Jesus. He questions interpretations which focus on unique individual or halakic authority and suggests that the earliest Jesus tradition appeals to the priority of human need and to creational intent, viewing revelation as based on plain reading and a realistic understanding of Scripture. Jesus' stance is best explained within the framework of prophetic criticism and a traditional Israelite understanding of Torah. With this work the author contributes as much to our understanding of halakic development during the Second Temple and Tannitic periods as he does to our understanding of the historical Jesus and his relationship to contemporary movements.

Bovon, François

The Emergence of Christianity

Collected Studies III

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In this volume, biblical scholar and theologian François Bovon provides nineteen essays on topics of interest in the New Testament and early Christianity. Examining textual and iconographic witnesses ranging from the earliest Christian writings to a Byzantine icon from Cyprus, Bovon addresses critical issues in New Testament studies including early Christologies, notions of immortality and resurrection, ancient reception of Christian scripture, orthodoxy and heresy, manuscripts in the digital era, and others. Four of the essays appear for the first time in an English translation in this volume – two of which include the original Greek and critical apparatuses for two fragments of ancient apocryphal works. Bovon's careful treatment of the topics at hand makes this volume a reliable guide for scholars and students who wish to deepen their understanding of early Christianity.

Das Geheimnis der Gegenwart Gottes

Zur Schechina-Vorstellung in Judentum und Christentum

Hrsg. v. Bernd Janowski u. Enno Edzard Popkes unter Mitarb. v. Stefanie Hertel u. Cordula Wiest



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In biblical traditions, we encounter various concepts of God's presence. In this context, particular importance is attached to the »concepts of Shekinah,« which allude to the indwelling or dwelling of God in a cult sanctuary or a human community. The developmental history of the concept of Shekinah can be used to determine how Old Testament and early Jewish traditions were capable of coming to terms with new directions in the history of religion and historic events and of modifying traditional religious beliefs (above all subsequent to the destruction of the First and Second Temple). In this collection of essays, the authors depict the biblical-theological dimensions of the concepts of Shekinah and demonstrate their potential for current reflective processes in Christian and Jewish religious beliefs.

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Deines, Roland

Acts of God in History

Studies Towards Recovering a Theological Historiography

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The eleven studies in this volume are connected by the conviction that God acts in history and that it remains necessary for biblical exegesis to integrate this into its methodology. Roland Deines presents historical and methodological considerations to trace how God was experienced within historical events and how such events inspired the formation of Scripture. Topics range from the Pharisees to Bar Kokhba, and from the historical Jesus to the Apostolic decrees, with Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) on Jesus and Martin Hengel on Jesus' pre-existence and incarnation discussed as particular methodological examples. Roland Deines intends these studies to be contributions towards a theologically motivated historiography. His aim is to propose a viable reading of history under the assumption that the one God to whom the Holy Scriptures of the Jewish-Christian tradition bear witness is indeed the creator, sustainer and perfecter of this world and its history.

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Neues Testament und frührabbinisches Judentum

Gesammelte Aufsätze

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This volume collects previously published and yet unpublished articles by the New Testament and rabbinic Judaism scholar Friedrich Avemarie, who died in October 2012 unexpectedly. Founded on a great familiarity with rabbinic literature and a distinct theological interest in the New Testament, the articles provide much important stimulus for the issues involved: rabbinic martyr-theology, rabbinic and New Testament soteriology, the parables of Jesus, the historical background of Acts, Paul's teaching on redemption in discussions on the so-called New Perspective on Paul, the role of 'Israel' in Pauline theology and issues of salvation history and free will in Paul. Five articles are published here for the first time.

Metaphor, Narrative, and Parables in Q

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Research on Q has frequently been driven by questions addressing the legitimacy of the two-source hypothesis or by questions related to the reconstruction of this source. As such, Q scholarship has often viewed its tasks primarily through the lenses of source- and redaction-critical perspectives. The authors of this volume make a conscious effort to refocus, at least to a certain extent, discussions concerning Q from questions of reconstruction to narratival and metaphorical aspects of this text. Narrative elements such as space, time, characters, plot, etc. on the one hand, and metaphorical elements such as Bildfeldtradition, socio-historical aspects of the images employed, etc., on the other, can be recognized and examined even apart from a precise, verbal reconstruction of a text. Since parables are an especially fruitful area for such considerations, the parables found in Q receive particular emphasis and consideration. Along these lines, this publication is intended to provide not only new perspectives on old questions in Q scholarship (e.g., tradition-history, social context, tradents, etc.) but also to provide stimulus for new directions in the study of Q.

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Narrative Approaches to Seventy Figures in John

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This volume represents the most thorough study of characters and characterization in the Fourth Gospel heretofore published. Building on several different narrative approaches, the contributors assembled here offer sixty-two essays related to characters and group characters in John. Among these are detailed studies presenting fresh perspectives on characters who play a major role in the Gospel (e.g., Peter, Mary Magdalene, etc.), as well as original studies of characters who have never been the focus of narrative analysis before, characters often glossed over in commentaries as insignificant (e.g., the boy with the loaves and fish, the parents of the man born blind, etc.). Clearly, characters in John stand in the shadow of the protagonist —Jesus. In this volume, however, they step fully into the light. Thus illuminated, it becomes clear how complex and nuanced many of them are.

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Good, life, the body, virtue – this volume contains the lectures given at the first four symposia of the Mainz Moral Meetings on these subjects between 2009 and 2011. An interdisciplinary approach through biblical studies, Jewish studies, the classics, philosophy, patristics, systematic theology and further disciplines provides a view of the ethical norms of early Christianity. In selected fields, the authors deal with the possibilities of norms and reasons for norms in early Christian ethics in the context of ancient philosophy and in present-day responsibility.

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Williams, Margaret H.

Jews in a Graeco-Roman Environment

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Margaret H. Williams presents a selection of studies, most of them epigraphically based, on the Jewish Diaspora in Graeco-Roman antiquity. Those collected in the first part deal with problems connected with the Jewish community in Rome, its history, organisation and burial practices. The papers in the second part are mainly concerned with other Jewish settlements in the Roman Empire, most notably those of Aphrodisias and Corycus in Asia Minor and Venusia in Italy. The third part focuses entirely on Jewish naming practices such as the use of alternative names, the formation of festal names and the increasing preference in Late Antiquity for Hebrew names. The reception of these studies, previously dispersed over a variety of publications, forms the subject of the over-arching introductory essay. Since the original articles were written, many of the inscriptions have been re-edited in new corpora. References to these are systematically included in this volume.

Hartman, Lars

Approaching New Testament Texts and Contexts

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In this volume, Lars Hartman deals with several major topics. Some of the essays are devoted to exegetical and hermeneutical issues, beginning with the theoretical considerations concerning what it means to write a commentary. These are followed by detailed studies on various aspects of text analysis as a preparation for his commentary on the Gospel of Mark. Furthermore, Hartman has written groundbreaking articles on baptism, especially in regard to the name formula. The final essays deal with the Hellenistic context of various New Testament texts and topics, for instance the study of »Hellenistic Elements in Apocalyptic Texts«. This volume is an appropriate complement to Lars Hartman's earlier collection on text-centered New Testament studies, which was published in 1997.

Marguerat, Daniel

Paul in Acts and Paul in His Letters

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The reception of Paul in the first century is a highly debated issue. In this collection of essays, Daniel Marguerat defends the position of a threefold reception of Paul in parallel ways: documentary (the canon of Pauline writings), biographical (the book of Acts and the apocryphal *Acts of the Apostles*) and doctoral (Deutero-Pauline and Pastoral Letters). Marguerat advocates that the value of the phenomena of reception be appreciated, in particular the figure of Paul in Acts. It should not systematically be compared to the apostle's writings, even though this image evolves from a Lukan reinterpretation. It actually gives us an aspect of Paul which forges the background of the epistolary literature, especially concerning his rapport with Judaism. The essays in this book concern the literary and theological construction of the narrative of Acts, focusing on the figure of Paul: his rapport with the Torah, the Socratic model, the Lukan character construction, the resurrection as a central theme in Acts, the significance of meals. In his analysis, Marguerat combines narratology and historical criticism. He is highly attentive to how Christology emerges as narrative Christology. Some of the essays treat classical or less classical themes of Pauline theology: Paul the mystic, the justification by faith, imitating Paul as father and mother of the community, and the affair of the woman's veil in Corinth. Concerning the statute of the Torah, Marguerat debates with the »New Perspective on Paul«. He also sheds a fresh light on less known aspects of the apostle: his mystic dimension and the emotional impact in his correspondence to the Thessalonians.

Stanton, Graham

Studies in Matthew and Early Christianity

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Over the course of his distinguished career, the late Graham Stanton, former Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity at the University of Cambridge, wrote extensively on New Testament and early Christian themes. This volume presents a collection of twenty-six essays, including one previously unpublished, and encompasses some of his most prominent contributions to scholarship. Stanton's work as an interpreter of the Gospel of Matthew is well known, and thus Part I includes seven essays on Matthew. Part II ('New Testament Studies') collects twelve studies on various New Testament themes, ranging from the exegetical to the methodological and programmatic. Toward the end of his life, Stanton was engaged in writing a book on Justin Martyr in the context of early Christian and Jewish dialogue. Though he did not live to complete the project, he published a number of preliminary studies that are included in Part III, together with a previously unpublished paper investigating 'Justin on Martyrdom and Suicide'.

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Wypadlo, Adrian

Die Verklärung Jesu nach dem Markusevangelium

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The transfiguration pericope in the Gospel of Mark (Mk 9:2-8) is seen as a major enigma in New Testament scholarship. In fact this narrative, with its peculiar mixture of fascination and disconcertment, poses considerable challenges to the exegete. What type of text is it and what about the historical and Christological reality behind this narrative? Following an introductory chapter, Adrian Wypadlo begins with a detailed analysis of the individual verses of the text, dealing in particular with the narratological aspects. Then he compares this text with the concepts of transformation in the Hellenistic-Jewish and pagan environment of the New Testament. Lastly Wypadlo examines the conspicuous constellation between Jesus, Elija and Moses in Mk 9:4f. The author's goal is to show that, along with the baptism pericope (Mk 1:9-11), Mk 9:2-8 is the key legitimization narrative within Markan Christology. The transfiguration pericope in the Gospel of Mark (Mk 9:2-8) is seen as a major enigma in New Testament scholarship. In fact this narrative, with its peculiar mixture of fascination and disconcertment, poses considerable challenges to the exegete. What type of text is it, and what about the historical and Christological reality behind this narrative?

Frey, Jörg

Die Herrlichkeit des Gekreuzigten

Studien zu den Johanneischen Schriften I

Hrsg. v. Juliane Schlegel

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On his way towards a thorough commentary on John, Jörg Frey presents 17 (partly) extensive studies on John from 15 years, together with a new introduction. The subject is the history of research, the history-of-religions background of the gospel, the reception of the Synoptic tradition, the profile of the Johannine communities and the image of the »Jews« in the Gospel. Other articles deal with the metaphor of bread in John 6, the relevance and function of Johannine »dualism«, the particular shape of the Johannine theology of the cross and the understanding of the *doxa*-motif and, finally, eschatology and ethics in John. Throughout the volume, John is read as a theological work, as a post-Easter anamnesis of the Christ event on the background of Synoptic traditions. Its objectives are to lead to a deepened understanding of Christ and crucifixion *and* resurrection that tries to communicate the view of the glory of the crucified one.

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Eberhart, Christian A.

Kultmetaphorik und Christologie

Opfer- und Sühneterminologie im Neuen Testament

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What are the Christological and soteriological contents of the metaphor of the sacrifice of Jesus and the concept of atonement in the New Testament? Do they communicate the vicarious death of Jesus, as many suggest today? These metaphors and concepts, however, are not only difficult to comprehend; they are often considered offensive due to alleged implications such as violent killing and the image of a vengeful God. Christian A. Eberhart tackles this problem in his careful and detailed study of cult metaphors and concepts in the context of New Testament Christology. By relating them to Old Testament and early Jewish traditions of sacrificial rituals, he shows that the metaphor of the sacrifice of Jesus does not necessarily convey the violent death of Jesus, but his entire mission and life. Nor is the cultic concept of atonement based on vicarious killing; it expresses salvation through purification and consecration.

Purity, Holiness, and Identity in Judaism and Christianity

Essays in Memory of Susan Haber

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Susan Haber (1957–2006) was a graduate of York University (B.A.) and McMaster University (M.A.). At the time of her death, she was working on a doctorate from McMaster University, having already published articles on the Hebrew Bible, early Judaism, and early Christianity. The present volume consists of contributions in fields central to her own interests by her teachers, friends, and colleagues in memory of a brilliant scholar. The essays deal with issues of central concern to the theologies of Judaism and Christianity: purity, holiness, and identity. In the first part of this volume the former two topics within the context of the Hebrew Bible are introduced. The second part deals with all three within late Second Temple and early Rabbinic Judaism, as well as in the Christianity of the first three centuries C.E. The last part examines the subject matter of the volume within the context of medieval and modern Judaism, as well as in contemporary Christianity. Although it is not necessarily explicitly stated, the juxtaposition of these essays dealing with areas of mutual theological concern to Judaism and Christianity implicitly lays the groundwork for interreligious dialog and understanding.

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Mark and Matthew II

Comparative Readings: Reception History, Cultural Hermeneutics, and Theology

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Sustained, comparative Synoptic studies do not stand alone methodologically in the humanities, but belong to a more general trend within cultural studies as well as in the humanities more broadly. Textual interpretation involves approaching specific texts composed more often than not by individual authors. In these texts, however, are embedded a myriad of conscious and unconscious relationships to historical and contemporary events, people, and other texts likewise connected historically and contemporaneously. In-depth understanding of a text evolves, therefore, almost by necessity from multi-perspectival comparative approaches rather than from readings taking a more isolated focus as point of departure. The Mark and Matthew project, of which the present study is the second volume, aims at taking seriously such more general insights and applying them to the earliest Gospels in order to stimulate new research and a deeper understanding of these two texts individually and as parts of a common discursive setting. In the present volume, the goal has been to shed light on the interpretation and use of the earliest Gospels from the first to the twenty-first century, with special focus on cultural hermeneutics and theology. The dynamics of interpretation, including the role played by history, methodology, religion, and politics, are taken into consideration, shedding light on distinctive aspects of the human endeavour to understand and use sacred text in context. One of the characteristics of the interpretive effort that is highlighted through this approach is the fact that texts are silent until we, their readers, give them voice; that meaning and use happen in the interplay between history and the present, residing never in one place alone, but rather in the dynamic space embracing both text and reader.

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Aune, David E.

Jesus, Gospel Tradition and Paul in the Context of Jewish and Greco-Roman Antiquity

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This volume contains a collection of twenty-two of David E. Aune's essays focusing on a variety of issues in the interpretation of the Gospels, Gospel traditions, Paul and the Pauline letters. Most essays center on the exegesis of particular problematic passages in the Gospels, Acts and the Pauline letters. In some essays the author discusses Pauline anthropology, in others he investigates the phenomenon of oral tradition in the ancient world and the Gospels or deals with the problem of the genre of the Gospels (Mark and Matthew) and Romans. He critically reviews recent research on justification by faith in Paul and investigates the meaning of *euaggelion* in the titles of the Gospels. He also deals with such historical and contextual problems as the proposed relationship between Jesus and Cynicism in first century Palestine, evaluating Jesus tradition in the *Gospel of Thomas* and dualism in the Fourth Gospel. The relevance of cognitive dissonance in the reconstruction of Christian origins and the relevance of apocalyptic in the interpretation of the Lord's Prayer are also discussed.

Doing Gender – Doing Religion

Fallstudien zur Intersektionalität im frühen Judentum, Christentum und Islam

Hrsg. v. Ute E. Eisen, Christine Gerber u. Angela Standhartinger

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The articles in this volume deal with the debate in social sciences on the so-called intersectionality of structural inequality and apply this to ancient religious texts. The articles focus on the question of how gender role concepts and religious ideals are mutually dependent and influence each other. Fundamental articles on the analysis of intersectionality are followed by case studies on the entanglement of gender constructions in early Jewish, early Christian and contemporary pagan texts as well as those of the ancient church and early Islam. The question of the interdependence of gender concepts and religious constructions proves to be very. At the same time, the authors show that gender and religion are not to be isolated from further categories, in particular the social status. Contributors: *Ulrike Auga, Bärbel Beinhauer-Köhler, Bernadette J. Brooten, Doris Decker, Ute E. Eisen, Aliyah El Mansy, Christine Gerber, Catherine Hezser, Brigitte Kahl, Karen L. King, Christiane Krause, Martin Leutzsch, Christl M. Maier, Shelly Matthews, Moisés Mayordomo, Friederike Oertelt, Silke Petersen, Angela Standhartinger*

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The Rise and Expansion of Christianity in the First Three Centuries of the Common Era

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This collection of essays is partly the product of a symposium that took place at Humboldt University, Berlin in July 2010. It was supplemented by other articles which contributed further relevant aspects to the overall topic. The aim of the conference was to explore the longstanding conundrum of the rapid rise and growth of Christianity in the first three centuries CE. This well-studied question finds a special home in the city of Berlin where, at the beginning of the last century, Adolf von Harnack, Professor at Friedrich Wilhelms University (today Humboldt University) Berlin carried out what was arguably its most famous treatment. According to Harnack, early Christian history began in the missionary activity of contemporary Judaism. The movement spread as the result of a combination of deliberate syncretism with a measure of simplicity in the cultural and political unity of the Roman Empire. Over the past thirty years, scholars such as Ramsey MacMullen and Rodney Stark have questioned some of Harnack's conclusions. Arising from outside of the field of New Testament Studies (Ancient History and Sociology of Religion, respectively), both MacMullen's and Stark's approach remained at some distance from specialist understandings of, for example, complex theological and rhetorical aspects of early Christian texts. Therefore, in the wake of these important studies, a variety of new strategies have emerged taking these and other vital concerns into account. The essays in this volume represent these assorted approaches. Methodological rigor is the only unambiguous theme running throughout this otherwise diverse collection. The essays are collected under two broad sub-headings: Cultural Milieu and Texts. Topics treated include Paul, Jesus and the Gospels, other New Testament texts, the Apocryphal Acts, and the expansion of Christianity in the second and third centuries.

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Schwartz, Daniel R.

Reading the First Century

On Reading Josephus and Studying Jewish History of the First Century

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The writings of Flavius Josephus provide much of what we know about the first century CE – which witnessed the birth of Christianity, the destruction of the Second Temple of Jerusalem, and the concomitant rise of rabbinic Judaism. However, Josephus was an author, not a video camera, and what he wrote often reflects much apart from what actually happened in the first century: Josephus' works were affected both by his literary models and by current events, and they functioned in various ways for Josephus as an individual and also as a Jew and a Roman, writing in a time of tumult and radical change. Daniel R. Schwartz argues that by building from the bottom up – first establishing the text and its meaning, then moving on to issues of Josephus' models, sources, and purposes – we may nevertheless reconstruct, with some confidence, the events and processes of this crucial era.

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Taking up a number of themes and questions touched on in earlier works, the author discusses critically some attempts to interpret the death of Jesus and the assumption that these make about the nature of God and of Jesus. For Jesus himself seems to have left his followers no clear guidance on how to understand his fate, in all probability not even at his last meal with them. There is, moreover, a seeming tension in the passion story between his self-surrender in Gethsemane and the reproachful cry on Golgatha, perhaps due to contrary views of God's will and his own about God's intention. Confronted with this puzzling inheritance, early Christians adopted a variety of different images in an attempt to explain what had happened, and its place in the divine plan; and Paul, despite apparently eschewing any use of human wisdom to interpret the cross, nevertheless draws on some of these lines of interpretation. Yet characteristic for the apostle's theology and soteriology are his corporate Christology and his talk of »righteousness« and »justification«. Yet the death of one person involving all humanity presents problems of understanding and ethics. Or, if Jesus is a »model« for humanity is he a perfect one and what example does he in fact give us? And is »peace with God« really all that our justification entails, especially when the cry of desolation on Golgatha shows little sign of such peace? That would mean that the views of both Jesus and Paul on this subject need to be criticized and corrected if they are to be meaningful and of use today.

Doering, Lutz

Ancient Jewish Letters and the Beginnings of Christian Epistolography

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Ancient Jewish letter writing is a neglected topic of research. Lutz Doering's new monograph seeks to redress this situation. The author pursues two major tasks: first, to provide a comprehensive discussion of Jewish letter writing in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman periods and, second, to assess the importance of ancient Jewish letter writing for the emergence and early development of Christian epistolography. Although individual groups of Jewish letters have been studied before, the present monograph is the first one to look at Jewish letters comprehensively across the languages in which they were written and/or handed down (chiefly Aramaic, Hebrew, and Greek). It operates with a broad concept of »letter« and deals with documentary as well as literary and embedded letters. The author highlights cross-linguistic developments, such as the influence of the Greek epistolary form on Aramaic and Hebrew letters or the non-idiomatic retention of Semitic »peace« greetings in some letters translated into Greek, which allowed for these greetings to be charged with new meaning. Doering argues that such processes were also important for early Christian epistolography. Thus, Paul engaged creatively with Jewish epistolary formulae. Frequent address of communities rather than individuals and the quasi-official setting of many Jewish letters would have provided relevant models when Paul developed his own epistolary praxis. In addition, the author shows that the concept of communication with the »Diaspora«, in both halakhic-administrative and prophetic-apocalyptic Jewish letters, is adapted by a number of early Christian letters, such as 1 Peter, James, Acts 15:23–29, and 1 Clement. Ancient Jewish and early Christian letters also share a concern with group identity and cohesion that is often supported by salvation-historical motifs. In sum, Lutz Doering addresses the previously under-researched text-pragmatic similarities between Jewish and Christian letters.

Judasevangelium und Codex Tchacos

Studien zur religionsgeschichtlichen Verortung einer gnostischen Schriftsammlung

Hrsg. v. Enno Edzard Popkes u. Gregor Wurst

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Due to various archeological findings, fundamental progress has been made in the study of the history of the Gnostic religion in the past decades. One of the more recent discoveries is the so-called Codex Tchacos, containing the Gospel of Judas which had already been mentioned by Irenaeus of Lyons. Although the Codex Tchacos was already discovered in 1978, it could not be made accessible to the general public until 2006/07. Since this time, a number of new fragments have been published and added to the already edited texts. This new text is the basis for the studies in this volume, which attempts to outline the history of religion of the evidence handed down in the Codex Tchacos and to define its relationship to further traditions in the history of the Gnostic religion.

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Oestreich, Bernhard

Performanzkritik der Paulusbriefe

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The Pauline epistles were recited to the recipients and their impact was felt in a collectively experienced event. Performance criticism attempts to capture the event for which the texts were created. Bernhard Oestreich's work is the first German monograph on this new method of biblical interpretation and actually the first performance criticism of the Pauline epistles. In the first chapter, the author begins by dealing with the roots of this approach to the text. He then defines performance and explains the method. In the following three chapters he tests this method, using the Pauline epistles and other early Christian epistles. In doing so, he shows how the speaker acts towards the recipients through these texts and provokes interaction among the audience. The Pauline epistles come to life as social events, their intentions become clearer and the understanding of them is enhanced.

Beyond Biblical Theologies

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Jesus und die Steuerfrage

Die Zinsgroschenperikope auf dem religiösen und politischen Hintergrund ihrer Zeit mit einer Edition von Pseudo-Hieronymus, De haeresibus Judaeorum

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After Judas of Galilee's revolt in 6 AD, the Jewish-Roman conflict became manifest in the rejection of the Roman tax demands. In this context, Niclas Förster gives historically substantiated suggestions for a political reading of New Testament texts in this study of Jesus's answer to the tax issue. He contextualizes the synoptic Tribute Money Pericope in the historical and political environment of its time. In his interpretation, he breaks new exegetic ground in using previously disregarded source material. Niclas Förster draws on archeological evidence such as coin and papyrus findings, previously little-explored Qumran texts as well as a new patristic source (with a scholarly first edition), which among other things sheds light on the coin boycott by Jewish insurgents. In addition, the author examines the reception history of the tribute money phrase from the possible adaptation in Romans 13:6–7 as well as the Gospel of Thomas and P. Egerton 2.

Chester, Andrew

Future Hope and Present Reality

Volume I: Eschatology and Transformation in the Hebrew Bible

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This book is the first of a two-volume work with the overall title »Future Hope and Present Reality«. These volumes had their origin in the Speaker's Lectures that Andrew Chester gave in Oxford; their main focus is central themes in biblical eschatology, and especially the apparent contradictions between what is hoped for in the future and what is experienced in the present: the stark discrepancy, that is, between the world as it is and the world as it should be. In this first volume, as the subtitle »Eschatology and Transformation in the Hebrew Bible« indicates, the author is concerned with the Hebrew Bible (or Old Testament; the second will be on the New Testament). He deals, successively, with central eschatological themes and the deep tensions they involve: divine threats of an absolute end (to human life and to the world itself), and divine promises of blessing and transformation, along with the theological questions inevitably raised by these – both in themselves and in relation to each other; the whole phenomenon of prophecy, and the problems it involves – not least, whether it can be taken seriously, in face of the contradictions and failures it manifests. He discusses the sheer discrepancy between ideal and reality in traditions relating to kingship, along with the tensions inherent in the emergence of messianic hope; death, as representing the end of any relationship with God, along with hope that goes beyond death – in relation both to the individual and also the nation; and, finally, visions of a transformed and paradisal world, and whether these can bear any relation to reality. It is argued that the Hebrew Bible can be seen to offer genuine grounds for hope, but that these can have any cogency only if the problems involved are really engaged with.

Hanges, James C.

Paul, Founder of Churches

A Study in Light of the Evidence for the Role of »Founder-Figures« in the Hellenistic-Roman Period

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The apostle Paul's understanding of his role and responsibilities in transferring the cult of Jesus Christ to new lands to found new groups devoted to this immigrant son of God is not unique. His *modus operandi* cannot be adequately explained in terms of Jewish precedents. Rather, Paul's pattern is a creative appropriation of the enduring Greek model of the founder, the key figure in Greek imaginings of the formation of social space, whether colony or cult. Cult foundation inscriptions as well as literary descriptions show that such foundations were laid according to persistent elements of a pattern originating in Greek foundation narratives focused on the oracular selection of the founder-figure and his obedience to a divine impetus for cult innovation. With the help of modern culture studies, especially postcolonial critique, Paul's letters show that he not only appropriated this traditional Greek model and applied it to the foundation of his churches, but creatively adapted it for purposes of group self-definition and his own sensibilities. While Paul uses few technical foundation terms, his reliance on divine visionary endorsement of his transfer of the Christ cult to new places, the way the apostle exercises authority over the communities he has founded, his attempt to integrate his Greek communities into the sacred history of Israel, and the strategies used against him by his opponents reveal his use of the Greek foundational model. Paul shares the discourse and action of contemporary cult founders who, like him, were obeying their deity's call for transferal to a new location.

Rethinking the Ethics of John

»Implicit Ethics« in the Johannine Writings. Kontexte und Normen neutestamentlicher Ethik / Contexts and Norms of New Testament Ethics. Volume III
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Ethics is a neglected field of research in the Gospel and Letters of John. Judgments about even the presence of ethics in the Gospel are often negative, and even though ethics is regarded as one of the two major problem areas focused on in 1 John, the development of a Johannine ethics from the Letters receive relatively little attention. This book aims at making a positive contribution and even to stimulating the debate on the presence of ethical material in the Johannine literature through a series of essays by some leading Johannine scholars. The current state of research is thoroughly discussed and new developments as well as new possibilities for further investigation are treated. By utilizing different analytical categories and methods (such as narratology) new areas of research are opened up and new questions are considered. Therefore, aspects of moral thinking and normative values can be discovered and put together to the mosaic of an «implicit ethics» in the Johannine Writings. More familiar themes like the law or deeds in the Gospel are reconsidered in a new light, while the ethical role of the opponents or the ethical use of Scripture are explored as new avenues for describing the dynamics of ethics in the Gospel. The ethical nature of the Letters is also considered, focusing not only on the theological nature of ethics in the Letters, but also on the ethical impact of some rhetorical material in 1 John. The culminating result of these series of essays is to illustrate that the ethical material in the Gospel is not as absent as was believed by many in the past. The essays not only open up a wider spectrum of Johannine ethical material but also invite further exploration and research in this much neglected area of Johannine studies.

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Sandelin, Karl-Gustav

Attraction and Danger of Alien Religion

Studies in Early Judaism and Christianity

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Early Judaism and early Christianity emerged during the Hellenistic and early Roman imperial era. They were, naturally, confronted with the Hellenistic and the Roman religion. The question therefore arose as to whether Jews or Christians were free to participate in religious activities alien to the religious heritage of their own. In his articles, Karl-Gustav Sandelin presents documentary material showing that this problem was a burning issue within Judaism from the beginning of the Hellenistic period until the end of the first century C.E. Several Jewish individuals converted to the Hellenistic or the Roman religion. Such behavior was also discussed and generally condemned, for example by the Books of Maccabees and authors such as Philo of Alexandria and Flavius Josephus. A similar problem is to be found in the New Testament, notably in the letters of Paul, especially in the first letter to the Corinthians and in the Revelation of John.

Jesus in Continuum

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One of the central characteristics of the latest historical Jesus research has been the attempt to locate Jesus plausibly within first-century Judaism. Less emphasis has been placed on the question as to whether or how, if at all, the image of Jesus within the Jewish context also suits and accounts for the history of the influence and reception of Jesus in early Christianity. Tom Holmén urges that the Christian reception history of Jesus be given a proper role in research. He argues that the scrutiny of the reception should not be a mere appendage to the more careful study of Jesus within Judaism. Instead, the reception should be given equally serious attention and form an integral part of scholarly pursuits. As a result, one no longer studies Jesus »within Judaism« but »in continuum,« namely in the continuum from early Judaism to early Christianity. The articles of this volume outline a continuum approach to the historical Jesus. They are divided into three areas exhibiting different aspects of the continuum approach: theoretical aspects, Jesus meets Christianity, and Jesus from Judaism to Christianity.



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Gospel Images of Jesus Christ in Church Tradition and in Biblical Scholarship

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This collection of essays contains the papers given at the Fifth International East-West Symposium of New Testament Scholars in Minsk (Belarus). The symposium was a project of the Eastern Europe Liaison Committee of Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas. Main subject matters of the volume are the history and methodological questions of modern Jesus research, approaches to the Jesus of history in ancient and modern Christian exegesis, Jesus as a Jew in ancient and modern exegesis, and the portraits of Jesus in Luke and John. The authors of these papers deal with the parables of Jesus, with his Galilean ministry, with the passion narrative in Mark and with the death of Christ according to Paul's letters. All topics are discussed from a »Western« (Protestant and Roman-Catholic) exegetical perspective as well as from an Orthodox point of view. A concluding report recapitulates the group discussions and seminar sessions of the symposium. *Contributors: Charalampos Atmatzidis, Reimund Bieringer, Predrag Dragutinović, Carl R. Holladay, Christos Karakolis, Dominika A. Kurek-Chomycz, Ulrich Luz, Joel Marcus, Vasile Mioc, Tobias Nicklas, Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr, Marius Reiser, Armand Puig i Tàrrec, Sviatoslav Rogalsky, Ekaterini G. Tsalamponi, Konstantinos Th. Zarras*

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Die Johannesapokalypse

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The Revelation of John receives much attention in New Testament scholarship. This volume offers an extensive discussion of Revelation's historical location and date, its history-of-religions background and reception of early Christian tradition, as well as its rhetoric and theological aims and concepts. The volume contains papers from a Symposium held in Munich and additional invited contributions, which survey some of the most important current debates. The first part »contexts« contains essays on the text and the traditions adopted, the historical context and date of Revelation. The second part »concepts« focuses on theological themes, from Christology to eschatology and martyrdom. A third part on »effects« contains essays on several important forms of the reception of Revelation, from Montanism and Lactantius down to Orthodox liturgy and the art of William Blake.

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The Septuagint is a translation of Hebrew Scriptures into Greek originated in Egypt in the time of the Ptolemaic kings. It became the basis for the Jewish religion in the Mediterranean world in antiquity and also for the dissemination of Christianity. It was used by New Testament authors for their scripture quotations and it became the canonical form of the Old Testament in the Orthodox Church. It is also a mirror of its historical setting and a witness of religio-historical influences as well as of theological concepts and perceptions. It is the most important witness for the textual history of the Old Testament, apart from the Hebrew Masoretic text, because unlike the Qumran biblical texts it is complete. This volume contains studies into the origins, the language and the history, including the *Wirkungsgeschichte*. The papers were presented at an international conference in Wuppertal, Germany, in July 2010, organized by the Septuaginta Deutsch project.

Contested Spaces

Houses and Temples in Roman Antiquity and the New Testament

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How are archaeology and art related to understanding New Testament texts, for example, narratives of the Lord's Supper and other meals? An international group of archaeologists, art historians, and New Testament scholars investigate the function of spaces in Roman houses and temples in Pompeii, Herculaneum, Corinth, Rome, Ostia, Ephesus, and Judaea. Another concern is more fully to understand the relationship between different architectural forms, Roman domus, villae, and insulae, in relation to Paul's letters and the gospels, in order to enable informed interpretation of leadership, meal customs, social relationships, and ethics in those contested spaces.

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Christian Body, Christian Self: Concepts of Early Christian Personhood

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Early Christian texts are replete with the language of body and self. Clearly, such concepts were important to their authors and audiences. Yet usage rarely makes sense across texts. Despite attempts to establish a single biblical or Christian vision of either body or self across texts, the evidence demonstrates plurality of opinion; and, reception history multiplies interpretations. Depending upon the particular anthropological-philosophical paradigm of the interpreter (e.g., Platonic, Cartesian), Christian texts reflect a number of views about the body and self. Today, scholarship on these concepts advances in many different directions. In addition to sophisticated new methods of drawing history-of-religions comparisons, scholars place early Christian texts in conversation with philosophy, psychology, political science, and developments in the hard sciences — in particular the neurosciences, sometimes all but doing away with the notion of self. Recent studies and monographs focus on the disabled body, the gendered body, the slave body, the martyr's body, relevance of ancient scientific and medical treatises for understanding the body, the asexual body/self, embodied knowledge, the suffering self, and religion and the self. The essays in this volume individually and collectively participate in these ongoing discussions. They do not proceed with a uniform notion of either self or body, but recognize competition on the topics, ably captured by the variety of approaches to their meaning in antiquity and today, and offer nuanced analyses of texts and passages, highlighting individual perceptions of these crucial yet enigmatic concepts.

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Die Zeloten

Untersuchungen zur jüdischen Freiheitsbewegung in der Zeit von Herodes I. bis 70 n. Chr.

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This new edition of Martin Hengel's classic *Die Zeloten* (ET *The Zealots*, 1989) makes a seminal work in the field of Ancient Judaism available again, in German, fifty years after its first appearance. The new edition contains the original text with corrections. An additional appendix by Roland Deines, one of Professor Hengel's students, describes the impact this book has had on the study of the Jewish freedom movement in the first century AD that led to the outbreak of the first Jewish revolt against Rome, and how the scholarly debate has developed since its initial publication. *Die Zeloten* represents the origin of Hengel's lifelong interest in Jewish messianism and the study of the messianic claims of Jesus.



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In these fourteen studies, Andreas Lindemann discusses the relationship between early Christianity and Israel, deals with concrete aspects of New Testament ethics and explores the history of interpretation and theology from the early church up to the Reformation and to present time. He examines the complicated relationship between emerging Christianity and Israel and deals with issues of the practice of ethics in early Christianity, issues which are still of significance today, such as for example the ethical problem of the value of the beginning of life in relation to the termination of a pregnancy. In addition he studies the New Testament tradition history of the story of the rich young man and its interpretation by Clement of Alexandria as well as aspects of the history of New Testament studies in the 19th and 20th century.

Most of these studies are the result of inquiries which came directly from church bodies and which required a reaction by a scholarly exegetical-theological article as an answer.

Infancy Gospels

Stories and Identities

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Even though the canonical Jesus' infancy stories have always provoked great interest in popular culture and in the arts, they have been neglected in research during the last decades due to the relatively late date of their redaction. Since the monograph by Raymond Brown, *The Birth of the Messiah*, the researchers working on this topic have not attempted to consider its historical impact. In this volume, an international team of scholars proposes firstly a reconsideration of the historical background of these stories in terms of early Jewish and Christian identity quests. Secondly, they deal with early Christian questions on Jesus' infancy and childhood through canonical and apocryphal Gospels including information from Patristic and documentary literature. On the theological level, this volume illustrates the impact that these apocryphal texts, recognized as »useful for the soul« (a phrase coined by François Bovon), have had on the Christian faith.

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At the culmination of his presentation in the Apostolic Decree, the author of Acts provides rules for the organization of the community, whose historical and theological classification is an enigma. In this volume, authors from various disciplines collaborate to solve this enigma. The early Christian communities, for whom the Apostolic Decree was intended, were part of a large number of ancient associations, as were the Jewish synagogues. Thus linking the two provides new insights and knowledge. In addition to primarily exegetical articles and studies of the reception history of the Decree, the book also contains ancient historical insights into associations in antiquity and also attempts to give a clearer picture of the Apostolic Decree against this backdrop.

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Targum and New Testament

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The relevance of the Targums (Aramaic translations of the Hebrew Bible) for the understanding of the New Testament has been a matter of dispute over the past three hundred years, principally by reason of the late date of the Targum manuscripts and the nature of the Aramaic. The debate has become more focused by reason of the Qumran finds of pre-Christian Aramaic documents (1947) and the identification of a complete text of the Palestinian Targum of the Pentateuch in the Vatican Library (Codex Neofiti, 1956). Martin McNamara traces the history of the debate down to our own day and the annotated translation of all the Targums into English. He studies the language situation (Aramaic and Greek) in New Testament Palestine and the interpretation of the Scriptures in the Targums, with concepts and language similar to the New Testament. Against this background relationships between the Targums and the New Testament are examined. A way forward is suggested by regarding the tell-like structure of the Targums (with layers from different ages) and a continuum running through for certain texts.

Qumran und die Archäologie

Texte und Kontexte

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During the last ten or fifteen years archaeology has gained an increasingly prominent role in Qumran studies. Well-established views on the character and function of the settlement at Khirbet Qumran have been questioned, and some scholars even denied the connection between the settlement and the scrolls found in the vicinity. The volume presents the papers of a conference in 2008, together with some substantial additions. It aims at a renewed encounter between scholars working with texts and scholars interpreting archaeological contexts and artifacts. Thus the contributions discuss theoretical issues of the relationship between those different areas of studies. They highlight new archaeological insights about Khirbet Qumran and its vicinity and also the issue of the character and the unity of the library of Qumran. Furthermore, they discuss artifacts found at Qumran and architectural concepts represented in Qumran texts in order to get a more precise view of the relationship between the textual worlds and the »outside world«.

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The Septuagint represents the oldest translation of the Hebrew Bible into Greek. The essays in this volume locate the translation of the Septuagint within the context of the translation of other religious texts of antiquity, and address specific aspects of the translation in the individual writings and in relation to central concepts. The Septuagint had fundamental significance for emerging Christianity and its literature. The manner in which the Septuagint was appropriated in the New Testament documents is variously developed in the series of essays. Finally the volume broadens its view beyond the New Testament literature to include the Patristic period.



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