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a central figure in the reconception of early christian history over the last three decades wayne a meeks offers here a selection of his most influential writings on the new testament and early christianity his essays illustrate recent changes in our thinking about the early christian movement and pose provocative questions regarding the history of this period meeks explores a fascinating range of topics from the figure of the androgyne in antiquity to the timeless matter of god s reliability from paul s ethical rhetoric to new testament pictures of christianity s separation from jewish communities meeks introduction offers a retrospective on new testament studies of the past thirty years and explains the intersection of these studies with a variety of exploratory and revisionist movements in the humanities embracing social theory history anthropology and literature in an epilogue the author reflects on future directions for new testament scholarship this work concerns the early christians self definitions and self representations in the context of pagan christian conflict reflected in the literatures from the mid second to the early third centuries ca 150 225 ce early christianity by mark humphries provides a comprehensive overview of the origins development and key teachings of the early christian movement shedding light on the historical and cultural context that shaped the religion key points humphries explores the emergence of christianity within the diverse religious and cultural landscape of the ancient world examining its roots in judaism the life of jesus christ and the subsequent spread of the faith the book delves into the beliefs practices and organizational structures of early christian communities offering readers insights into the formation of doctrinal beliefs the role of leadership and the challenges faced by early christians early christianity serves as a valuable resource for understanding the historical foundations of one of the world s major religions providing readers with a deeper appreciation for the origins and evolution of christian faith and its enduring impact on society first published in 1999 routledge is an imprint of taylor francis an informa company tracing the astonishing transformation that the early christian church underwent from sporadic niches of christian communities surviving in the wake of a horrific crucifixion to sanctioned alliance with the state charles freeman shows how freedom of thought was curtailed by the development of the concept of faith the imposition of correct belief and an institutional framework that enforced orthodoxy were both consolidating and stifling uncovering the church s relationships with judaism gnosticism greek philosophy and greco roman society freeman offers dramatic new accounts of paul the resurrection and the church fathers and emperors book jacket a ground breaking introductory textbook for the study of the new testament and the first christians written for the next generation of students comparing christianities an introduction to the new testament and the first christians maps the historical rise of christianity out of a network of early christian movements this major new textbook systematically explores the struggles to define the faith by presenting christianity as the result of a lengthy process of religious consolidation which emerged from a landscape of persistent christian diversity the book delves into the history of the first five generations of christians from paul to origen the first chapter considers the challenges of constructing christian histories and offers a new model of christian families to organize and explain the emergence and competition of different varieties of christianity each successive chapter focuses on key issues that christian leaders engaged over the centuries demonstrating how the questions they posed and the answers they provided gave christianity its distinct shape as the movements competed for social advantage christians began identifying certain christian movements as enemies and consolidated against them the final chapter schematizes the christians studied in the book into three families of christian movements based on the particular god they worshipped and other shared

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material culture elephant mosaic panel from huqoq synagogue by studying the hellenistic influences on early christianity both in response to and in reaction against early hellenized judaism the volume intends not only to better understand christianity as a religious and historical phenomenon with a profound impact on the development of european civilization but also to better comprehend hellenism and its consequences which have often been relegated to the realm of political history

In Search of the Early Christians 2008-10-01

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Handbook of Early Christianity 2002-08-27

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leading scholars along with a comprehensive bibliography make this an essential reference for anyone wishing to understand the social dynamics of christianity s birth

Early Christianity in Asia Minor and Cyprus 2019-09-02

this volume is concerned with the emergence of christianity in asia minor and cyprus five papers relate to cappadocia and east anatolia the others to the bishops of constantinople the city of sagalassus in pisidia caria and cyprus

Early Christian Life and Thought in Social Context 2010-07-15

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Decoding Early Christianity 2007-06-30

who was the real jesus how much do we really know about his disciples this book addresses such questions and shows how the early church fathers and popes interpreted competing views and traditions to produce over time an approved and codified view of jesus and his followers and developed an accepted liturgy with which to worship him

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The Early Christian Book (CUA Studies in Early Christianity) 2007

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Studies on the Text of the New Testament and Early Christianity 2015-09-29

a collection of essays in honour of prof michael holmes the volume is arranged in two parts focusing on textual criticism and the apostolic fathers respectively

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in this classic work remarkable in the research field of early christianity s angus addresses the fundamental topics in the social political economic and religious context of the greek roman and jewish world of the new testament and early christian church

The Early Christian World 2002-09-11

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Jesus and the Rise of Early Christianity 2002-04-17

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

The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Studies 2008-09-04

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

Women and Religion in the First Christian Centuries 2020-06-30

beginning as a marginal group in galilee the movement initiated by jesus of nazareth became a world religion within 100 years why among various religious movements did christianity succeed this major work by internationally renowned scholar udo schnelle traces the historical cultural and theological influences and developments of the early years of the christian movement it shows how christianity provided an intellectual framework a literature and socialization among converts that led to its enduring influence senior new testament scholar james thompson offers a clear fluent english translation of the successful german edition

The First One Hundred Years of Christianity 2015-11-19

a ground breaking study in the formation of early christian identity by one of the world s leading scholars in neither jew nor greek judith lieu explores the formation and shaping of early christian identity within judaism and within the wider graeco roman world in the period before 200 c e lieu particularly examines the way that literary texts presented early christianity she combines this with interdisciplinary historical investigation and interaction with scholarship on judaism in late antiquity and on the graeco roman world the result is a highly significant contribution to four of the key questions in current new testament scholarship how did early christian identity come to be formed how should we best describe and understand the processes by which the christian movement became separate from its jewish origins was there anything special or different about the way women entered judaism and early christianity how did martyrdom contribute to the construction of early christian identity the chapters in this volume have become classics in the study of the new testament and for this cornerstones edition lieu provides a new introduction placing them within the academic debate as it is now

Neither Jew nor Greek? 2002

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Writing the History of Early Christianity 2018-02-09

based on a multi year consultation in the society of biblical literature the bible and early trinitarian theology brings new

insights to the relationship between patristic exegesis and current strategies of biblical interpretation specifically with reference to the doctrine of the trinity

The Bible and Early Trinitarian Theology 2010-02-17

this introductory study is written from a new religious and theological studies perspective building on latest research in history and archaeology it also deals with reception studies including popular literature fiction film art and new religions the book illustrates how perceptions of the early church still dominate the wider cultural discourse and how much that discourse is in need of a historically informed notion of the early church the book falls into seven chapters chapter i discusses concepts like early church and early christianity and wider aspects of reception chapter ii deals with concepts of history memory and cultural origins in early christian thought and its study chapter iii outlines varieties of religious traditions in the context of the early church especially hellenistic judaism chapter iv discusses jewish and gentile identities in the early church chapter v deals with the emergence of an early christian literature chapter vi outlines the development of early christian religious practices and chapter vii looks at leadership and political structures in and around the early church and their implications

The Early Church 1999-01-01

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The Impact of Scripture in Early Christianity 2010-06-28

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Shapers of Early Christianity 2018-11-08

scholars of religion have long assumed that ritual and belief constitute the fundamental building blocks of religious traditions and that these two components of religion are interrelated and interdependent in significant ways generations of new testament and early christian scholars have produced detailed analyses of the belief systems of nascent christian communities including their ideological and political dimensions but have by and large ignored ritual as an important element of early christian religion and as a factor contributing to the rise and the organization of the movement in recent years however scholars of early christianity have begun to use ritual as an analytical tool for describing and explaining christian origins and the early history of the movement such a development has created a momentum toward producing a more comprehensive volume on the ritual world of early christianity employing advances made in the field of ritual studies the oxford handbook of early christian ritual gives a manifold account of the ritual world of early christianity from the beginning of the movement up to the fifth century the volume introduces relevant theories and approaches central topics of ritual life in the cultural world of early christianity and important christian ritual themes and practices in emerging christian groups and factions

The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Ritual 2014-11-18

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Early Christianity in Contexts 2006

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Beyond Reception 2016-02-11

what was the relationship of ancient education to early christianity this volume provides an in depth look at different approaches currently employed by scholars who draw upon educational settings in the ancient world to inform their historical research in christian origins the book is divided into two sections one consisting of essays on education in the ancient world and one consisting of exegetical studies dealing with various passages where motifs emerging from ancient educational culture provide illumination the chapters summarize the state of the discussion on ancient education in classical and biblical studies examine obstacles to arriving at a comprehensive theory of early christianity s relationship to ancient education compare different approaches and compile the diverse methodologies into one comparative study several educational motifs are integrated in order to demonstrate the exegetical insights that they may yield when utilized in new testament historical investigation and interpretation

Ancient Education and Early Christianity 2008-12-31

this volume contains twenty two essays in honor of carl r holladay whose work on the interaction between early christianity and hellenistic judaism has had a considerable impact on the study of the new testament

Scripture and Traditions 2010

recent research has made a strong case for the view that early christian communities sociologically considered functioned as voluntary religious associations this is similar to the practice of many other cultic associations in the greco roman world of the first century ce building upon this new approach along with a critical interpretation of all available sources this book discusses the social and religio historical background of the weekly gatherings of christians and presents a fresh reconstruction of how the weekly gatherings originated and developed in both form and content the topics studied here include the origins of the observance of sunday as the weekly christian feast day the shape and meaning of the weekly gatherings of the christian communities and the rise of customs such as preaching praying singing and the reading of texts in these meetings

The Earliest History of the Christian Gathering 2004-12-13

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Rituals in Early Christianity 2005

social and cultural memory theory examines the ways communities and individuals reconstruct and commemorate their pasts in light of shared experiences and current social realities drawing on the methods of this emerging field this volume both introduces memory theory to biblical scholars and restores the category memory to a preeminent position in research on christian origins in the process the volume challenges current approaches to research problems in christian origins such as the history of the gospel traditions the birth of early christian literature ritual and ethics and the historical jesus the essays taken in aggregate outline a comprehensive research agenda for examining the beginnings of christianity and its literature and also propose a fundamentally revised model for the phenomenology of early christian oral tradition assess the impact of memory theory upon historical jesus research establish connections between memory dynamics and the appearance of written gospels and assess the relationship of early christian commemorative activities with the cultural memory of ancient judaism from publisher s description

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the contributors of the volume draw on cognitive and social science suggesting fresh ways of approaching christian origins and early judaism its multidisciplinary and radically new perspective to its subject matter is highly relevant for all scholars of religion

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from hughes synagogue by studying the hellenistic influences on early christianity both in response to and in reaction against early hellenized judaism the volume intends not only to better understand christianity as a religious and historical phenomenon with a profound impact on the development of european civilization but also to better comprehend hellenism and its consequences which have often been relegated to the realm of political history

Hellenism, Early Judaism, and Early Christianity 1990

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