Biblical Studies


Theology


Church History

Hannah, John D. *Charts of ancient and medieval church history.* Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2001. 031023316X $65.00


"In 1989 the underground bishops of Mainland China decided to organise themselves openly into the National Conference of Roman Catholic Bishops in contrast to the government controlled Patriotic Bishop's Conference. Within a few months they were all arrested in different parts of China and held for varying lengths of time. Three of the arrested bishops died in custody: Shi Chunjie, Fan Xueyan and Liu di Fen." p. 842


Denominations and Sects of the Christian Church


Vatican Library "The Vatican Library was founded by Nicholas V who acquired ca. 1250 manuscripts. After 1550 the Librarian of the Holy Roman Church has always been a cardinal... In the mid-1990s the four sections (manuscripts, printed books, museum, collection of coins) were automated. The Library has maintained a school of librarianship studies since 1934... Today the Library has ca. 150,000 manuscripts, 8,300 incunabula and 1.6 million books" p. 266

*Dictionary of the Presbyterian & Reformed tradition in America.* General editor, D.G. Hart. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1999. 0830814531 $17.00


**Missions**

*CWC missionary periodicals database.*

URL: [http://research.yale.edu:8084/missionperiodicals/index.jsp](http://research.yale.edu:8084/missionperiodicals/index.jsp)

“A service of Currents in World Christianity, a Cambridge based research project for the study of mission and global Christianity. Records all periodicals on foreign missions published in Britain between the 16th century and the 1960s by missionary societies and commercial publishers. Various means are available to search the database. It is at the level of upper division undergraduates through faculty.”

**Religions**

Clements, Frank A. *Historical dictionary of Arab and Islamic organizations.* Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2001. 0810839776 $60.00

*Dictionary of contemporary religion in the western world.* Editors, Christopher Partridge ... [et al.] Leicester: Inter-Varsity Press, 2002. 0851198824 $40.00


Sesat "Goddess of libraries and the art of writing. Egyptian. Known from 2500 BC, or earlier, until the end of Egyptian history circa 400 AD. She is depicted anthropomorphically bearing a seven pointed star or rosette on her head. At Karnack in Upper Egypt and at Dendara she recorded the royal jubilees on a notched palm stem” p. 232

Moussalli, Ahmad S. *Historical dictionary of Islamic fundamentalist movements in the Arab world, Iran and Turkey.* Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 1999. 0810836092 $75.00

**Israfil**  
"The archangel who is assigned the task of blowing the trumpet to signal the Yawm ad-Din. He is not mentioned in the Koran, but Islamic extra-Qur'anic legend contains many stories about him. He is a huge angel, with his feet under the lowest level of the earth. His head reaches up to the throne of God. He has four wings and is covered with hair and tongues"  
p. 107

**Jihad**  
"Arabic: striving. This word is often mistranslated as "holy war". For classical commentators, jihad is divided into greater jihad and lesser jihad. The greater striving is the struggle against sin within the individual and the quest for a perfect spiritual life. The lesser striving includes missionary activity and active armed conflict with evil. In the latter sense some modern activists regard the armed struggle as an essential feature of faith, with the aim of creating Islamic states wherever possible"  
p. 115


**Culture and Social Sciences**


*Oxford companion to Aboriginal art and culture.* General editors, Sylvia Kleinert and Margo Neale. South Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 2000. 0195506499 $100.00

**Miscellaneous**

*Brill's New Pauly: encyclopedia of the ancient world.* Editors, Hubert Cancik, Helmut Schneider and Manfred Landfester. Leiden: Brill, 2002-. Vol. 1 9004122583 $320.00


"Victorian culture pictured women as emotional rather than rational creatures. They likewise were cast as morally superior to men and naturally maternal. An examination of evangelical Victorians’ unwillingness to see Mary as the ideal woman reveals the instability of such thinking about women. Protestants resisted Catholicism because they believed it would feminize Englishmen" p. 47


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