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History of Modern Christianity Comprehensive Exam Bibliography

This bibliography immerses students in the history and historiography of Christianity since the 16th century. It encourages deep understanding of major topics as well as thorough engagement in scholarly debates about sources and methods as they influence interpretations of the past. This list is designed with specific attention to histories of reform, the intersections of Christianity with colonialism and the enlightenment, and the relations of Christianity to secularism, nationalism, race and ethnicity, religious difference, and gender. While its emphasis rests on Christianity in Europe and North America, the list can be tailored—with the addition of up to ten texts in consultation with the examiner—to treat other geographical locations of interest to the student. Moreover, the thematic and chronological organization of this list represents just one way to organize these sources. Students with their examiners may want to identify alternate clusters of texts speaking to particular themes or concerns. Texts centered on a particular period of interest may also be added.

In addition to these thematic, geographic, or chronological additions and rearrangements, students are required to select between five and seven major primary documents (again in consultation with the examiner) spanning the entire period from the 16th to the 20th century. A list of texts containing collections of primary documents is included to help identify appropriate readings, which must be read not in excerpt form, but in their entirety.

With this format, the comprehensive exam in the history of modern Christianity aims to:

- Develop student mastery of the major topics of the last four hundred years of Christian history;
- Develop skills in reading and assessing historical arguments in relation to religion;
- Build proficiency and appreciation for the methods of historical thinking in relation to religion;
- Stimulate historical comparisons and/or provide historical context for a student's likely dissertation topic;
- Equip the student successfully to teach an undergraduate level course on the history of Christianity from the 16th century to the present;
- Provide an historiographical platform for advanced undergraduate or graduate teaching in the history of Christianity from the 16th century to the present.

Following departmental norms, students are asked to finalize their lists in consultation with their examiner twelve months in advance of the targeted examination date. Typically, this will mean finalizing lists during the spring semester of their second year and beginning exam preparation during the summer between the second and third year. Meetings with the examiner, to discuss texts, explore gaps of understanding, and cultivate arenas of interest, should commence between six or eight months in advance of the examination date, typically in the early fall of the third year.

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Protestant and Catholic Reformations (16th-18th)

1. de Certeau, Michel. *The Mystic Fable: The Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1995.
2. Delumeau, Jean. *Catholicism Between Luther And Voltaire: A New View Of The Counter Reformation* London: Westminster Knox, 1977.
3. Greer, Allan. *Mohawk Saint: Catherine Tekakwitha and the Jesuits*. New York and London: Oxford, 2005.
4. Hall, David D. *Worlds of Wonder Days of Judgment: Popular Religious Belief in Early New England*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1990.
5. O'Malley, John *The First Jesuits*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1993.
6. _____. *Trent: What Happened at the Council*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2013.
7. Roper, Lyndal. *The Holy Household: Women and Morals in Reformation Augsburg*, Oxford University Press, 1991.

Christianity, Colonialism, and Enlightenment (17th-early 20th century)

8. Becker, Adam *Revival and Awakening: American Evangelical Missionaries and the Origins of Assyrian Nationalism*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015.
9. Chadwick, Owen. *The Secularization of the European Mind*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990.
10. Chakrabarty, Dipesh. "The Idea of Provincializing Europe," "Postcoloniality and the Artifice of History," "The Two Histories of Capital," and "Translating Life-Worlds into Labor and History," in *Provincializing Europe: Postcolonial Thought and Historical Difference*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2007.
11. Chidester, David. *Savage Systems: Colonialism and Comparative Religion in Southern Africa*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 1996.
12. Cummings, Kathleen. *New Women of the Old Faith: Gender and American Catholicism in the Progressive Era*. Chapel Hill, UNC Press, 2009.
13. Frye, Sylvia and Betty Wood. *Come Shouting to Zion: African American Protestants in the American South and British Caribbean to 1830*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998.
14. Harris, Ruth. *Lourdes: Body and Spirit in a Secular Age*, New York: Penguin. 2006.
15. Hempton, David. *Methodism: Empire of the Spirit*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2006.

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16. Higgenbotham, Evelyn Brooks *Righteous Discontent: The Women's Movement and the Black Baptist Church, 1880-1920*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1994.
17. Holifield, E. Brooks. *Theology in America: From the Age of the Puritans to the Civil War*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005.
18. O'Connell, Marvin. *Critics on Trial: An Introduction to the Catholic Modernist Crisis*. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 1994.
19. Schmidt, Leigh Eric. *Hearing Things: Religion, Illusion, and the American Enlightenment*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2002.
20. Sorkin, David. *The Religious Enlightenment: Protestants, Jews, and Catholics from London to Vienna*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2011.
21. Wenger, Tisa. *We Have a Religion: The 1920s Pueblo Indian Dance Controversy and American Religious Freedom*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009.

Christian Modernities

22. Allitt, Patrick. *Catholic Intellectuals and Conservative Politics in America: 1950-1985*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1993.
23. Anderson, Allen Heaton. *To the Ends of the Earth: Pentecostalism and the Transformation of World Christianity*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.
24. Connelly, John. *From Enemy to Brother: The Revolution on Catholic Teaching on the Jews, 1933-1965*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2012.
25. Fisher, James T. *The Catholic Counterculture in America, 1933-1962*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1989.
26. Hollinger, David. *After Cloven Tongues of Fire: Protestant Liberalism in Modern American History*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2012.
27. Matovina, Timothy. "Remapping American Catholicism," in *Latino Catholicism: Transformation in America's Largest Church*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2012.
28. McGreevy, John T. *Catholics and American Freedom*. New York: Norton, 2003.
29. McLeod, Hugh. *Religion and the People of Western Europe, 1789-1989*, 2nd ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.
30. Mettepenningen, Jurgen. *Nouvelle Théologie - New Theology: Inheritor Of Modernism, Precursor Of Vatican II*. 2010.

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31. O'Malley, John W. *What Happened at Vatican II?* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2009).
32. Orsi, Robert A. *Between Heaven and Earth: The Religious Worlds People Make and the Scholars Who Study Them.* Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2005.
33. Shevzov, Vera. *Russian Orthodoxy on the Eve of the Revolution.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.
34. Worthen, Molly. *Apostles of Reason: The Crisis of Authority in American Evangelicalism.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Suggested Readers for Selection of Primary Documents (in consultation with examiner)

(Note: readers frequently only offer excerpts, but students must locate and read their selected documents in their entirety)

Butler, Jon and Harry S. Stout, ed. *Religion in American History: A Reader.* New York: Oxford University Press, 1998.

Ellis, John Tracy, ed. *Documents of American Catholic History.* Three Volumes. Wilmington, Del.: M. Glazier, 1987.

Gaustad, Edwin S. and Mark A. Noll, eds. *A Documentary History of Religion In America.* Third Edition. Two Volumes. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.

Gay, Peter. *The Enlightenment: A Comprehensive Anthology.* New York: Simon and Schuster, 1973.

Griffith, R. Marie, ed. *American Religions: A Documentary History.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2007.

Hillerbrand, Hans J. ed. *The Protestant Reformation.* New York: Harper Perennial, Revised Edition, 2009.

Kramnick, Isaac ed. *The Portable Enlightenment Reader.* New York: Penguin, 1995.

McGrath, Alister E. *The Christian Theology Reader.* Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.

Placher, William C. *Readings in the History of Christian Theology, Volume 2: From the Reformation to the Present.* Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1988.