

## Lebendiges Kulturerbe Turabdin

The Church of the East is currently the only complete history in English of the East Syriac Church of the East. It covers the periods of the Sassanians, Arabs, Mongols, Ottomans, the 20th century, and informs about the Syriac, Iranian and Chinese literature of this unique and almost forgotten part of Christendom.

Diese religionswissenschaftliche Publikation führt in die religiöse Pluralität in ausgewählten Ländern des Nahen Ostens ein. Bei jeder Religionsgemeinschaft werden einheitlich religiöse Lehren, Religions- bzw. Kirchengeschichte präsentiert. In Band I kommen folgende religiöse Gruppierungen zur Sprache: im Irak Muslime, Christen, Juden, Yeziden, Mandaer, in Jordanien Muslime und Christen, in Syrien Muslime, Nusayrier (Alawiten), Christen, im Libanon Christen, Drusen, Muslime. Zum besseren Verständnis der Hintergründe und Zusammenhänge beginnen die chronologisch dargestellten Religionsgeschichten mit der Entstehung der Religionsgemeinschaft, wobei allerdings der inhaltliche Akzent auf dem 20. und 21. Jahrhundert liegt. Mit dieser zusammenfassenden und auch für Nicht-Spezialisten verständlichen Arbeit soll zum einen die bislang fehlende Möglichkeit gegeben werden, einen leicht zugänglichen Überblick über die Religionsgemeinschaften im Nahen Osten zu gewinnen. Zum anderen soll sie als Ausgangspunkt und Grundlage für anschließende Detailforschungen dienen.

Das orientalische Christentum - zwischen Kaukasus und Äthiopien, zwischen Mittelmeer und Südindien - zeigt sich in der Vielfalt von Kirchen unterschiedlicher Konfession: den "östlich-orthodoxen", den "orientalisch-orthodoxen" und den "orientalisch-katholischen" Kirchen. Eine besondere Gruppe bilden die Kirchen der Thomaschristenheit Indiens, und für sich allein steht die ("nestorianische") Apostolische Kirche des Ostens. Im Rahmen ihrer jeweiligen Konfessionsfamilie werden die Kirchen einzeln vorgestellt, und zwar in ihrer heutigen Gestalt, mit ihrer Geschichte wie in ihrem eigenen Selbstverständnis. Thematisch übergreifende Kapitel zur frühen Mission und Bekenntnisbildung, zur Situation unter dem Islam und zu den Einflüssen des Abendlandes eröffnen den Band, und der Blick auf die Rolle des orientalischen Christentums in der Ökumene wie zu seiner Situation im Orient der Gegenwart schließt ihn ab.

"Versklavte und verlorene Schöpfung" bietet Dokumentationen. In unterschiedlichen und eigenständigen Tableaus werden informative, kritische und konstruktive Beiträge zu einem "Lernen für den Rettungsprozess" angeboten: Wunder der Natur - Szenarien globaler Zerstörung und Bilder ruiniertter Schöpfung - Ursachen globaler Zerstörung der Schöpfung - Wege für Veränderung - Schöpfung entwickeln: Transformation konkret - Rand der Welt und Theologie der Peripherie.

For a long time the Diatessaron has drawn the interest of modern scholars. Some of the problems related to the Syriac Harmony of the Gospels have been solved. Others still remain in dispute. The Syriac Commentary on the Diatessaron, attributed to Ephraem (306-373), is one of the most important witnesses to the wording of the Harmony. Unfortunately, most of the surviving Syriac folios of the text have been discovered only recently. Consequently, no detailed study on the Commentary has been undertaken yet. It is the aim of this study to present this scholarly demand. This Oxford dissertation deals with the questions of the difficult process of the Commentary's transmission and analyses both the Trinitarian and Christological understanding of its author. By way of a comparison with the "genuine" Ephraem, this study argues that the Commentary in its present form is a compilation from the hand of one of his disciples. However, it serves as an important source on the theological discussions in the Edessa of the late fourth and early fifth centuries.

«Alla fine del mese di ottobre 1915, lo sterminio dei cristiani di Mardin sembrava essere concluso. Tuttavia un centinaio di persone vivevano ancora: erano vecchi, donne anziane, infermi. Il turco Bedreddin fu preso da zelo: "Spazzateli via, e che non ne rimanga nemmeno uno". Con questi cento sopravvissuti fece un convoglio che, deportato nel deserto, sparì per sempre». Mardin è una delle tante città dell'impero ottomano dove, durante la prima guerra mondiale, si è consumata la strage degli armeni e dei cristiani. Una violenza che ha segnato in profondità quelle regioni e che non è cessata: sono passati cento anni e la persecuzione in Medio Oriente continua. Anche oggi, a pochi chilometri da Mardin, oltre la frontiera turca, in Siria e in Iraq, si combatte con una crudeltà senza misura. Di nuovo, come allora, si assiste a deportazioni, massacri, sgozzamenti, rapimenti, vendita di donne e di bambini. Molti si chiedono: da dove viene tanta ferocia? Dal profondo di una religione, l'Islam, o da una storia di convivenza difficile? Oggi, come ieri, si consuma una pagina della 'morte' dei cristiani d'Oriente.

The Portrayal of Christ in the Syriac Commentary on the Diatessaron Peeters Publishers

This wide-ranging collection of papers describes aspects of the modern history and theology of Christianity in the Middle East. More than 400 distinguished scholars, including archaeologists, art historians, historians, epigraphers, and theologians, have written the 1,455 entries in this monumental encyclopedia--the first comprehensive reference work of its kind. From Aachen to Zurzach, Paul Corby Finney's three-volume masterwork draws on archaeological and epigraphic evidence to offer readers a basic orientation to early Christian architecture, sculpture, painting, mosaic, and portable artifacts created roughly between AD 200 and 600 in Africa, Asia, and Europe. Clear, comprehensive, and richly illustrated, this work will be an essential resource for all those interested in late antique and early Christian art, archaeology, and history. -- Monasticism is a vital feature of Christian spiritual life and has its origins in the Oriens Christianus. The present volume contains studies on Armenian Monasticism from various perspectives. The task is not only to produce historical studies. The aim is also to contribute to and reflect on monasticism today. Authors come from the Armenian Apostolic Catholicosate of Ejmiacin, the Holy See of Cilicia, the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and the Armenian-Catholic Church as well as from the Benedictine and Franciscan Orders of the Catholic Church. The experts reflected on the glorious past of Armenian monasticism and agreed to evaluate future challenges ecumenically to give more insight into both past and present Armenian monasticism.

Includes section "Recensiones".

In den christlichen Konfessionen entwickelten sich unterschiedliche Vorstellungen von kirchlichen Strukturen, die alle mehrere Ebenen umfassen. Doch die Unterschiede beginnen bereits bei der Frage, welche Organe mit welchen Zuständigkeiten tätig werden. Auf der Grundlage der ökumenischen Theologie werden sechs verschiedene

kirchenrechtliche Modelle (altorientalisch, orthodox, römisch-katholisch, anglikanisch, evangelisch-lutherisch, evangelisch-reformiert) vorgestellt und mit komparativer Methode analysiert. Dieser Band ist die Frucht einer Tagung, die am 5./6. 12. 2019 in München stattfand.

This pioneering study uses an early seventh-century Christian martyr legend to elucidate the culture and society of late antique Iraq. Translated from Syriac into English here for the first time, the legend of Mar Qardagh introduces a hero of epic proportions whose characteristics confound simple classification. During the several stages of his career, Mar Qardagh hunts like a Persian King, argues like a Greek philosopher, and renounces his Zoroastrian family to live with monks high in the mountains of Iraqi Kurdistan. Drawing on both literary and artistic sources, Joel Walker explores the convergence of these diverse themes in the Christian culture of the Sasanian Empire (224-642). Taking the Qardagh legend as its foundation, his study guides readers through the rich and complex world of late antique Iraq.

Includes supplements.

"The Dr. Johannes-Lepsius-Archiv encompasses a near complete documentation of the conflict-laden relationship between Germany, Armenia and Turkey, covering the era from 1895-1925. The catalogue indexes both Lepsius' correspondence and the official documents and publications of his relief organization for Armenia. At the same time it can be used as a finding book for the microfiche edition. The 'numerous currens' of the listed documents facilitates quick access to the original documents .... The microfiche edition contains comprehensive, hitherto unpublished documents, eyewitness accounts, flyers, Lepsius' documentations ... as well as full text versions of all journals recorded in the catalogue."--Publisher's Web site.

"Consistently highly readable and engrossing. This is an excellent overview of Eastern Christianity."---Expository Times "A masterful description of the major living traditions of Eastern Christianity. Its 24 chapters, each written by an accomplished scholar in the field, address the dominant ethnic and cultural categories of Eastern Christianity (Arab, Byzantine, etc.) along with their most characteristic features (liturgy, iconography, and hagiography). Each offers a concise, well-organized, and highly readable overview of the tradition in question, along with a representative bibliography...Highly recommended."---Choice "Christian emigration, not least from the Middle East, means that there are growing communities of Eastern Christians in the West...Eastern Christians are now companions to Western; and the latter will learn much about the former from this Blackwell companion."---Church Times "A distinctive addition to the companion series and to its chosen sphere of knowledge."---Reference Reviews "A worthwhile collection, and one that should prove useful."---Ecclesiastical History Recent political events in the Middle East and Eastern Europe have brought Eastern Christianity to global attention. The Blackwell Companion to Eastern Christianity provides an unparalleled account of the history and development of these vital Christian traditions, at the same time placing contemporary events in their full context. The companion provides authoritative and lively essays on the main Eastern Orthodox traditions, such as the Greek, Russian, and Georgian churches, as well as the Oriental Orthodox traditions, including the Armenian, Coptic, and Syrian churches. The in-depth articles, which are written by an international team of experts, offer a comprehensive survey of the history, theology, doctrine, worship, art, culture, and politics that make up the churches of Eastern Christianity. The companion can also be used alongside the respected Blackwell Dictionary of Eastern Christianity (1999), providing detailed discussions and assessments to complement the dictionary's shorter entries.

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