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Biography & Memoir Explore Apologetics through the Lives of History's Great Apologists  
The History of Apologetics follows the great apologists in the history of the church to understand how they approached the task of apologetics in their own cultural and theological context. Each chapter looks at the life of a well-known apologist from history, unpacks their methodology, and details how they approached the task of defending the faith. By better understanding how apologetics has been done, readers will be better able to grasp the contextualized nature of apologetics and

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apply those insights to today's context. The History of Apologetics covers forty-four apologists including: Part One: Patristic Apologists Part Two: Medieval Apologists Part Three: Early Modern Apologists Part Four: 19th C. Apologists Part Five: 20th C. American Apologists Part Six: 20th C. European Apologists Part Seven: Contemporary Apologists

*Scientific Theology: Reality* John Wiley & Sons

In a profound meditation on one of the fundamental tenets of Christianity, the central role of Christ in the life of his followers, the author of *In the Beginning* draws on biblical texts and the tradition in art and literature of Christ's centrality to explain how to develop a more direct and intimate relationship with Christ. Original.

**Christian Apologetics** Oxford University Press

This engaging book by one of today's best-known Christian writers explores the history of heaven, from its origins in biblical writings to its most recent representations. A short, accessible book on the history of heaven. Draws together representations of heaven by a wide range of writers, theologians, politicians and artists. Covers literary works such as Dante's *Divine Comedy*, Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, and the poems of George Herbert. Considers discussions by Marx and Freud of heaven's role in society. Based on serious scholarship but is ideal for the non-specialist who wants to learn more about the idea of heaven. Alister E. McGrath is one of today's best-known Christian writers.

*Christianity* John Wiley & Sons

A groundbreaking account of the origins, development, and enduring significance of Christian doctrine, explaining why it remains essential to the life of Christian communities.

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Noting important parallels between the development of scientific theories and Christian doctrine, Alister E. McGrath examines the growing view of early Christianity as a 'theological laboratory'. We can think of doctrinal formulations as proposals submitted for testing across the Christian world, rather than as static accounts of orthodoxy. This approach fits the available evidence much better than theories of suppressed early orthodoxies and reinforces the importance of debate within the churches as a vital means of testing doctrinal formulations. McGrath offers a robust critique of George Lindbeck's still-influential *Nature of Doctrine* (1984), raising significant concerns about its reductionist approach. He instead provides a more reliable account of the myriad functions of doctrine, utilising Mary Midgley's concept of 'mapping' as a means of coordinating the multiple aspects of complex phenomena. McGrath's approach also employs Karl Popper's 'Three Worlds', allowing the theoretical, objective, and subjective aspects of doctrine to be seen as essential and interconnected. We see how Christian doctrine offers ontological disclosure about the nature of reality, while at the same time providing a coordinating framework which ensures that its various aspects are seen as parts of a greater whole. Doctrine provides a framework, or standpoint, that allows theological reality to be seen and experienced in a new manner; it safeguards and articulates the core vision of reality that is essential for the proper functioning and future flourishing of Christian communities.

The Christian Theology Reader Wiley-Blackwell  
A New Interpretation of Protestantism and Its Impact on the World The radical idea that individuals could interpret the Bible for themselves spawned a revolution that is still being played out on the world stage today. This innovation lies at the heart of Protestantism's remarkable instability and adaptability. World-renowned scholar Alister McGrath sheds new light on the fascinating figures

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and movements that continue to inspire debate and division across the full spectrum of Protestant churches and communities worldwide.

The Future of Christianity John Wiley & Sons

One of the best sources for understanding the impact of John Calvin, McGrath's work updates *The History and Character of Calvinism* by John T. McNeill with a fascinating biography that also explores Calvin's cultural importance.

*Emil Brunner* John Wiley & Sons

T. F. Torrance is widely regarded as the most significant British academic theologian of the twentieth century. He is especially noted for his ground-breaking contribution to the study of the relationship of Christian theology and the natural

sciences. He is unquestionably one of the most prolific of theological writers and is the most senior member of the nearest thing to a 'theological dynasty' that Great Britain has ever produced. Here, Alister McGrath, himself one of this country's leading theologians, traces the development of Torrance's theological thought and provides a comprehensive account of his life and career. Particular attention is paid to the important role played by Torrance in the English-language reception of the theology of Karl Barth, and to his pioneering engagement with the relation between theology and science. While making extensive reference to Torrance's published works, McGrath also draws on important unpublished writings and private papers.

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The book contains many unpublished photographs, together with a complete bibliography of Torrance's works.

Theology Wiley-Blackwell

New, updated, one volume edition of this definitive study of the history of the doctrine of justification.

*Heresy* Waterbrook Press

Freshly updated for this second edition with considerable new material, this authoritative introduction to the history of Christian theology covers its development from the beginnings of the Patristic period just decades after Jesus's ministry, through to contemporary theological trends. A substantially updated new edition of this popular textbook exploring the entire history of Christian thought, written by the bestselling author and internationally-

renowned theologian Features additional coverage of orthodox theology, the Holy Spirit, and medieval mysticism, alongside new sections on liberation, feminist, and Latino theologies, and on the global spread of Christianity Accessibly structured into four sections covering the Patristic period, the Middle Ages and Renaissance, the reformation and post-reformation eras, and the modern period spanning 1750 to the present day, addressing the key issues and people in each Includes case studies and primary readings at the end of each section, alongside comprehensive glossaries of key theologians, developments, and terminology Supported by additional resources available on publication at [www.wiley.com/go/mcgrath](http://www.wiley.com/go/mcgrath)

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## Christianity's Dangerous Idea Oxford

University Press

Four of noted Oxford theologian and teacher Alister McGrath's earlier works are presented together here to provide a clear, accessible introduction to doctrine as well as a discussion of three key doctrines of the faith. The titles are UNDERSTANDING DOCTRINE, UNDERSTANDING THE TRINITY, UNDERSTANDING JESUS, and JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH.

### **Historical Theology** John Wiley & Sons

The second volume of an extended and systematic exploration of the relation between Christian theology and the natural sciences, focussing on the examination and defense of theological realism

*The Territories of Human Reason* Wiley-

Blackwell

This major new introduction aims to introduce students to the problems, tasks, traditions and personalities of Christian theology. Assuming no previous knowledge of the discipline, Dr McGrath gives a comprehensive and clear account of Christian theology, providing a full historical and systematic treatment of issues, personalities and movements, both classic and modern.

### **Historical Theology** A&C Black

In *Emil Brunner: A Reappraisal*, renowned theologian Alister E. McGrath presents a comprehensive intellectual history of Emil Brunner, the highly influential Swiss theologian who was instrumental in shaping modern Protestant theology. Explores

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Brunner's theological development and offers acritical engagement of his theology Examines the role that Brunner played in shaping the characteristics of dialectical theology Reveals the complex and shifting personal and professional relationship between Brunner and Barth Delves into the reasons for Brunner's contemporary neglect in theological scholarship Represents the only book-length study of Brunner's works and significance in the English language

### **Luther's Theology of the Cross**

Bloomsbury Publishing

A major new introduction to the global history of Christianity, written by one of the world's leading theologians and author of numerous bestselling textbooks. Provides a

truly global review by exploring the development of Christianity and related issues in Asia, Latin America and Africa, and not just focusing on Western concerns Spanning more than two millennia and combining elements of theology, history, and culture, it traces the development of all three branches of Christianity – Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox – providing context to Christianity's origins and its links to Judaism Looks beyond denominational history at Christianity's impact on individuals, society, politics, and intellectual thought, as well as on art, architecture, and the natural sciences Combines McGrath's acute historical sensibility with formidable organizational skill, breaking the material down into accessible, self-contained



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historical periods Offers an accessible and student-oriented text, assuming little or no advance theological or historical knowledge on the part of the reader

**Iustitia Dei** John Wiley & Sons

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**The Open Secret** Zondervan

Christianity is the world's largest religious

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grouping. It has undergone massive change in the twentieth century, and seems poised to undergo major transformations in the next. In this important and timely book, one of Christianity's most prolific and respected writers examines these changes, and their implications for the future.

Christian History Blackwell Publishing

Marking the 50th anniversary of Lewis' death, *The Intellectual World of C. S. Lewis* sees leading Christian thinker Alister McGrath offering a fresh approach to understanding the key themes at the centre of Lewis' theological work and intellectual development. Brings together a collection of original essays exploring important themes within Lewis' work, offering new connections and insights into his theology. Throws new light on subjects including Lewis' intellectual development, the uses of images in literature and theology, the place of myth in modern thought, the role of

the imagination in making sense of the world, the celebrated 'argument from desire', and Lewis' place as an Anglican thinker and a Christian theologian. Written by Alister McGrath, one of the world's leading Christian thinkers and authors; this exceptional pairing of McGrath and Lewis brings together the work of two outstanding theologians in one volume. *Scientific Theology: Nature* John Wiley & Sons

Alister McGrath explains how he returned to Christianity from the "distant country" of Marxism and scientific atheism and became a Christian theologian. The work offers a summary of McGrath's vision of Christian theology, focusing on the distinct role of historical theology, the importance of engaging the relation of science and faith,

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the need for theologians to participate in major public debates, and the significance of theological education. In the My Theology series, the world's leading Christian thinkers explain some of the principal tenets of their theological beliefs in concise, pocket-sized books.