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Manichaeism and Its Legacy

Thousands of documentary and literary texts written on papyri and potsherds, in Egyptian, Greek, Latin, Aramaic, Hebrew, and Persian, have transformed our knowledge of many aspects of life in the ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern worlds. Here experts provide a comprehensive guide to understanding this ancient documentary evidence.

The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Studies

The Gnostic Book of Prayer is the daily Psalter of the Gnostic Nazoreans. It contains the liturgy and Hymns of Light that accompany full body prostrations before the Gnostic Gods and Goddesses of Life and Light. These daily devotions for the Gnostic Hours of Qadumia, Tziphra, Tlata, Shitaya, Tesha, Ramsha, Shlama, Sitara, Lilya and Anpia come from two ancient and relatively unknown Gnostic scrolls - the Mandaean Qulasta and the Manichaean Hymnscroll. This Breviary also contains a list and explanation of the many Gods and Goddesses of both Nazoreans and

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Manichaeans. This collection represents the Gnostic equivalent of the Breviaries and Liturgical Books of Hours used by non Gnostic Christianity.

Manichaeism in Central Asia and China

From Jesus to Christ

Parting Knowledge

This study explores the artistic culture of religious instruction and the canonical art of the Manichaeans. Based on textual and artistic evidence, it identifies fragments from 10th-century editions of Mani's Book of Pictures and its adaptations to other art objects.

Manichaeism

A new critical look at Mani's life to establish a proper historical foundation for the study of this fascinating thinker.

Mesopotamian Elements in Manichaeism (King and Saviour II)

With: Historical commentary Biographical info Appendix with further readings For nearly 2,000 years, Christian mystics, martyrs, and sages have documented their search for the divine. Their writings have bestowed boundless wisdom upon subsequent generations. But they have also burdened many spiritual seekers. The sheer volume of available material creates a seemingly insurmountable obstacle. Enter the Upper Room Spiritual Classics series, a collection of authoritative texts on Christian spirituality curated for the everyday reader. Designed to introduce 15 spiritual giants and the range of their works, these volumes are a first-rate resource for beginner and expert alike. Writings of Augustine compiles some of the most profound and moving writings of the 4th-century African Christian who had a vast influence on the Christian church and Western culture. Included are excerpts from Augustine's Confessions and other writings.

On Genesis

Includes section "Book reviews."

Prolegomena to a History of Islamicate Manichaeism

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Popular Religion and Shamanism addresses two areas of religion within Chinese society; the lay teachings that Chinese scholars term folk or “popular” religion, and shamanism. Each area represents a distinct tradition of scholarship, and the book is therefore split into two parts. Part I: Popular Religion discusses the evolution of organized lay movements over an arc of ten centuries. Its eight chapters focus on three key points: the arrival and integration of new ideas before the Song dynasty, the coalescence of an intellectual and scriptural tradition during the Ming, and the efflorescence of new organizations during the late Qing. Part II: Shamanism reflects the revived interest of scholars in traditional beliefs and culture that reemerged with the “open” policy in China that occurred in the 1970s. Two of the essays included in this section address shamanism in northeast China where the traditions played an important role in the cultures of the Manchu, Mongol, Sibe, Daur, Oroqen, Evenki, and Hezhen. The other essay discusses divination rites in a local culture of southwest China.

The Founder of Manichaeism

For many centuries Manicheism was a powerful and far-reaching religion, rivaled only by Christianity in its scope, but today it is virtually unheard of. It was more dualistic, Gnostic and spiritual so became the arch rival of Christianity and was ultimately stamped out. Every effort has been made to remove it from the memory of humankind and, for the most part, these efforts were a success. Today,

however, there is a resurgence of interest in Gnostic thought and teachings. This book will contribute a wealth of new information that would otherwise be lost to history. There is without question no better book on the subject. The author has assembled every known lost fragment of the faith that could possibly be found in order to accurately reassemble its doctrines and teachings. The information is presented factually, without a bias in either direction, to document this movement and its history accurately. He lets the teachings speak for themselves, which allows the reader to make an independent assessment regarding its veracity. From an historical point of view the book is valuable because it both broadens and clarifies our view of religious history, showing what Christianity was truly up against and why Manicheism remained so popular for so long. There is no doubt that the prophet Mani was a great spiritual teacher - he had to be for the religion to flourish for so long. It lasted for over one thousand years in one form or another. Many of the holy books written by Mani have been lost or destroyed, only fragments remain, while his followers were killed and persecuted for centuries. What has been recovered has been painstakingly pieced together in this important work for the benefit of scholars, religious researchers and those interested in alternative spiritual paths.

Hegemonius Acta Archelai

Gnostic Prayer Book

It is hoped that a second collection will contain the author's studies on Manichaeism in Central Asia and China.

Writings of Augustine (Annotated)

"Reeves is a superb scholar who has meticulously researched the literature relevant to this project. His extensive learning is manifest throughout. Nothing like this anthology exists in English for the Islamicate testimonia on Manichaeism, and therefore it fills an extremely important gap." - Michael A. Williams, Professor of Comparative Religion and Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington Prolegomena to a History of Islamicate Manichaeism provides an annotated anthology of primary sources highlighting Manichaeism, a dualist religion emerging in Mesopotamia in the third century and which spread rapidly throughout the Roman and Sasanian empires until it was violently suppressed by both polities. It nevertheless continued to flourish largely clandestinely in the Near East, Central Asia, and China until it finally disappeared at the beginning of the seventeenth century. This book translates and assesses the importance of a number of Arabic, Persian, Syriac, and even Hebrew language testimonies for a better understanding of the cultural importance of what

many scholars characterize as the first world religion.

Manichaeism in the Later Roman Empire and Medieval China

The Journal of Religion

Good and evil, light and darkness; for the first time in English, a potent survey of Manichaeism

Augustine, Manichaeism and the Good

Augustine and Manichaean Christianity offers groundbreaking discussions of Augustine's enduring relation with Manichaeism, disclosing the essential background of writings such as Confessiones, De ordine and De vera religione and powerful concepts like his theories of memory and vision of God.

Manichaeism

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Manichaeism in Mesopotamia and the Roman East

A Companion to Religion in Late Antiquity

This book provides a new introduction to Augustine's "City of God" and his doctrine

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of the two cities, sources of this doctrine in Manichaeism, (Neo)Platonism and the pre- Augustinian Jewish and Jewish-Christian traditions.

Mani's Pictures

Reprint of the original, first published in 1906.

The Gospel of the Prophet Mani

New Light on Manichaeism provides the latest discoveries and insights into the Manichaean religion throughout its more than one thousand year history, ranging from glimpses into the life and thought of Mani himself, to developments in doctrine and practice in the religion's North African, Iranian, Central Asian, and Chinese settings. The volume includes contributions from the leading scholars in the field, offering new reconstructions of Manichaean literary and artistic productions, and innovative analyses of the religious, social, and political dynamics that shaped the rise and fall of this world religion.

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The Enchiridion on Faith, Hope and Love

There are forms of knowing that seem either to come from a parting or to require one. Paradigmatically in Genesis, Adam parts from God in order to join in knowledge with his partner, the flesh of his flesh, and the result is a bereft but not unpromising knowledge, looking like a labor of love. Saint Augustine

famously--some would say infamously--reads the Genesis paradigm of knowing as a story of original sin, where parting is both damnable and disfiguring and reuniting a matter of incomprehensible grace. Roughly half the essays in this collection engage directly with Augustine's theological animus and follow his thinking into self-division, perversity of will, grief, conversion, and the aspiration for transcendence. The remaining ones, more concerned with grace than with sin, bring an animus more distantly Augustinian to the preemption of forgiveness and the persistence of hell, morality and its limits, sexual piety, strange beauty, and a philosophy that takes in confession. The common pull of all the essays is towards the imperfection in self-knowledge--a place of disfigurement perhaps, but also a nod to transformation.

Jerusalem and Babylon

Wickedness and mortality are deemed to be both spiritually and physically evil in Manichaean terms because they disturb a person's tranquil existence. In his non-metaphysical theory he designs to explain intrinsic personal evil developed in *De uera religione* (390), Augustine redefines these two notions as "sin" and "penalty," hence imposing on them a casual relation that makes the conception of a vicious circle mechanism possible.

Augustine and Manichaeian Christianity

Reconstructing Manichaeism from scraps of ancient texts and the ungenerous polemic of its enemies (such as the ex-Manichaeian Augustine of Hippo), BeDuhn reveals for the first time the religion as it was actually practiced. He describes the Manichaeians' daily ritual meal, their stringent disciplinary codes (intended to prevent humans from harming plants and animals), and their secretive religious procedures designed to transform the cosmos and bring about the salvation of all living beings. Overturning long-held assumptions about Manichaeian dualism, asceticism, spirituality, and the pursuit of salvation, *The Manichaeian Body* changes completely how we look at this ancient religion and the environment in which Christianity arose. BeDuhn's conclusions revolutionize our understanding of the Manichaeians, clearly distinguishing them from Gnostics and other early Christian heretics and revealing them to be practitioners of a unique world religion.

The Manichaeian Body

This new volume brings the research on many aspects of the texts published in the *Corpus* up to date and signals new texts to appear in the *Corpus*. It includes important studies on the scientific dating of the Medinet Madi, codices as well as the newly discovered Manichaeian texts in Chinese and Parthian from Xiapu in

South China.

Emerging from Darkness

A group of leading scholars examine numerous manuscripts from China and Central Asia to understand sophisticated multi-cultural communities along the Silk Road in the medieval period.

Popular Religion and Shamanism

This volume contains several presentations of new Manichaean source materials and provocative essays upon them. The studies are authored by an international group of leading scholars in the fields of ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern studies, comparative religion, early Christianity, patristics, Turkic studies, and Coptology. Throughout the book the studies present and discuss a variety of source materials representing the vast geographical spread of Manichaeism. This book should prove to be foundational for future research on Manichaeism and late antique religions in general.

Manicheism, Religion of 1,000 Masks

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A comprehensive review of the development, geographic spread, and cultural influence of religion in Late Antiquity. *A Companion to Religion in Late Antiquity* offers an authoritative and comprehensive survey of religion in Late Antiquity. This historical era spanned from the second century to the eighth century of the Common Era. With contributions from leading scholars in the field, the Companion explores the evolution and development of religion and the role various religions played in the cultural, political, and social transformations of the late antique period. The authors examine the theories and methods used in the study of religion during this period, consider the most notable historical developments, and reveal how religions spread geographically. The authors also review the major religious traditions that emerged in Late Antiquity and include reflections on the interaction of these religions within their particular societies and cultures. This important Companion: Brings together in one volume the work of a notable team of international scholars Explores the principal geographical divisions of the late antique world Offers a deep examination of the predominant religions of Late Antiquity Examines established views in the scholarly assessment of the religions of Late Antiquity Includes information on the current trends in late-antique scholarship on religion Written for scholars and students of religion, *A Companion to Religion in Late Antiquity* offers a comprehensive survey of religion and the influence religion played in the culture, politics, and social change during the late antique period.

Great Journeys across the Pamir Mountains

The religion of the Past, Present, and the Future. Manicheism is an intellectual virus which disguises itself as any religion, any philosophy. The name means "Mani Lives." The Doctrine of Good and Evil at war with each other as two gods or as light and darkness, when it enters the mind it causes what the Persians called "ishraq" or "sudden illumination." And then the person is trapped. Mani was born in Mesopotamia in 216 and was adopted into a Baptizing sect descended from the Essenes. At the age of 24 he founded his own religion which spread through the Roman Empire and to China. Between Islam and Manicheism a "Star Wars" raged for six hundred years until the Mongols came. This is an exposition of Manicheism in Islam, Europe, and in philosophies such as Hegel, Freud, Marx, Existentialism, and Communism.

The Oxford Handbook of Papyrology

The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Studies responds to and celebrates the explosion of research in this inter-disciplinary field over recent decades. It is thematically arranged to encompass history, literature, thought, practices, and material culture. Whilst the burgeoning of scholarly work has made it impossible for any one scholar to maintain expertise in every aspect of the discipline, this

handbook seeks to aid both the new researcher in the field and the scholar entering an unfamiliar sub-specialty. Each chapter orients readers to the current 'state of the question' in a given area, reflecting on key research issues to date, highlighting primary sources and giving suggestions as to the likely direction of future work. The Handbook takes the period 100 to 600 CE as a chronological span and examines the vast geographical area impacted by the early church, in Western and Eastern late antiquity.

Manichaean Texts from the Roman Empire

The Religion of the Manichees

New Light on Manichaeism

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Manichaeism

"Magisterial. . . . A learned, brilliant and enjoyable study."—Géza Vermès, *Times Literary Supplement* In this exciting book, Paula Fredriksen explains the variety of New Testament images of Jesus by exploring the ways that the new Christian communities interpreted his mission and message in light of the delay of the Kingdom he had preached. This edition includes an introduction reviews the most recent scholarship on Jesus and its implications for both history and theology. "Brilliant and lucidly written, full of original and fascinating insights."—Reginald H. Fuller, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* "This is a first-rate work of a first-rate historian."—James D. Tabor, *Journal of Religion* "Fredriksen confronts her documents—principally the writings of the New Testament—as an archaeologist would an especially rich complex site. With great care she distinguishes the literary images from historical fact. As she does so, she explains the images of Jesus in terms of the strategies and purposes of the writers Paul, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John."—Thomas D'Evelyn, *Christian Science Monitor*

Manichaeism East and West

This volume reproduces nineteen chapters and articles published between 1991 through 2008, on Manichaeism, and its contacts with Augustine of Hippo, its most

famous convert and also best-known adversary. The contents are divided into four parts: perceptions of Mani within the Roman Empire, select aspects of Manichaeism, women in Manichaeism, and Manichaeism and Augustine. Though these chapters and articles reproduce their originals, adjustments have been made to include cross-referencing, newer editions, and the like, all with the aim of rendering them more accessible to a new readership among those who follow the fortunes of Mani's religion in the Roman Empire and/or the Manichaean aspects of Augustine of Hippo.

The Confessions of St. Augustine

This 2004 book is a single-volume collection of sources for Manichaeism, a world religion founded by Mani, the Syrian visionary.

The Catholic and Manichaean Ways of Life (The Fathers of the Church, Volume 56)

The discovery of genuine Manichaean texts from sites like Turfan and Tun-huang since the beginning of the century has greatly increased our knowledge of the teaching of Manichaeism and of its amazing geographical spread in pre-Islamic times. This volume brings together the contributions by a leading authority on the

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subject including a long survey article on the history of the discovery of the texts from Central Asia as well as articles focusing on some of these texts and on the incredible history of adaptation and survival of the sect in China proper. The studies include many Chinese texts on Manichaeism made available for the first time in their original scripts and in translation. The volume also contains the first ever working catalogue of all Manichaean texts (in western as well as oriental languages) published up to 1997.

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