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The Religion/Spirituality Shelf

Introduction to the History of Christianity, second edition
Tim Dowley, editor
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9780800699697, \$55.00, www.amazon.com

Compiled, organized and edited by historian Tim Dowley, and now presented in a significantly expanded and updated second edition, "Introduction to the History of Christianity" is a 688 page, nicely illustrated, 2100 year history of the Christian movement beginning with the birth, life and ministry of Jesus (1-325 AD), to the acceptance and conquest based expansion of Christianity (325-600 AD), to the emergence and evolution of Christian society (600-1500 AD); to the age of reform and renewal of the Christian churches (1500-1650 AD); to the age of reason, revival and revolution with the Christian world (1650-1789 AD), to the time of the Christian cities and empires (1789-1914 AD), to a century of continuing conflict with respect to Christianity (1914-2001 AD). Of special note is the concluding epilogue 'A New Millennium'. A work of impeccable historical scholarship from first page to last, "Introduction to the History of Christianity" is enhanced with the inclusion of maps, time charts, photographs, a list of resources on the history of Christianity, a glossary, and a comprehensive index. "Introduction to the History of Christianity" is very strongly recommended for personal, family, seminary, church, academic, and community library reference collections and supplemental Christian Studies reading lists.