

Category 2 – History of Christianity

5. 《古代基督教史》

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作者徐怀启先生曾先后在圣约翰大学和华东师范大学任教,兼任中国社会科学院宗教研究所特约研究员,精通多种外语,曾是虔诚的基督徒,长期从事神学研究。五十年代时他就计划进行基督教史研究,但文革期间作者受到残酷迫害,直至文革结束后才能够重新开始研究工作。徐先生原计划写的《基督教简史》分为古代、中世纪和宗教改革以后三个部分,但古代部分还未写完就因病去世了。为了表示对他的怀念,他的部分译稿被整理出版成《古代基督教史》一书。

全书分十二章。第一章讨论基督教产生的年代和背景,介绍了公元前后希腊、罗马哲学和犹太教的情况;第二章叙述了耶稣的生平、传教活动和思想;第三章叙述了早期教会建立的情况;第四章讨论了福音在亚洲、欧洲和非洲的传播;第五章叙述了早期教会遭受的迫害和基督教在罗马帝国国家地位的确立。第六章叙述了教会的组织结构;第七章讨论了基督教的信经和教义,介绍了《使徒信经》和《尼西亚信经》等;第八、九章讨论了《圣经》的《旧约》、《新约》各卷书的内容和成书过程;第十章讨论了基督教早期发展时形成的各种异端教派,如诺斯替派、孟他努派、阿里乌派等;第十一章讨论了早期教父、他们的著作及思想,介绍了伊里奈乌、查士丁、奥利金等人;第十二章由上海社科院宗教研究所的姚民权补写,讨论了早期基督教的宗教生活。

本书对古代基督教的诞生和传播、经典和教义,教会组织和宗教生活进行了较为全面的叙述,有助于读者了解基督教的早期发展历史。本书文笔生动,有很

强的可读性。本书也有助于对西方文化、西方哲学的了解，对从事基督教史、西方哲学的学术研究者也是重要参考。

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5. **Author's Introduction:** Xu Huaiqi, taught in St. John's and Huadong Universities, research fellow at Religious Institute of Social Science Academy, mastered several foreign languages, and was a devoted Christian involved in theological studies. He was planning to study the history of Christianity during 1950s, but persecuted during Cultural Revolution. He resumed his study after Cultural Revolution, but only finished the ancient part of it, which was published in memory of him.
6. **Contents:** The book is divided into 12 chapters:
 1. The Time and Background of the Origin of Christianity, introducing the Greco-Roman philosophy and Judaism around the birth of Christ.
 2. The Life of Jesus and his Ministry and Thought.
 3. The Founding of the Early Church.
 4. The Spread of the Gospel in Asia, Europe, and Africa.
 5. The Persecution against the Early Church and Its Sate status Established in Roman Empire.
 6. The Structure of the Church Organization.
 7. The Christian Creeds and Doctrines, introducing "Apostolic Creed," and "Nicene Creed."
 - 8 & 9. The Contents and Formation of the Old Testament and New Testament in the Bible.
 10. The Heresies of the Early Church: Gnosticism, Montanism, and Arianism.
 11. The Early Church Fathers' Writings and Thoughts: Irenius, Justin, and Origen.
 12. The Religious Life of the Early Christianity, complemented by Yao Minquan of Social Science Academy.