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2022 ANNUAL CATALOG

The Press has had a challenging but rewarding year. The team has been working hard to find a Covid-19 recovery strategy that works best for authors, customers, and distributors. This has involved building up our Open Access titles, as well as working closely with our eBook distributor De Gruyter. We've also really enjoyed developing our online 'The Author's Voice' talk series with the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. The series, hosted by IAS academics, Sabine Schmidtke, Angelos Chaniotis, and our very own George Kiraz, provides Gorgias authors with an opportunity to share and discuss their research with scholars and enthusiasts around the globe.

George and the Gorgias family have been delighted to be able to travel again, with a particular highlight being the XIII Symposium Syriacum and the 11th Conference of Christian Arabic Studies, which took place in Paris in June. Gemma was in her element talking to scholars about our books and looking after the Gorgias exhibition stand, while George hosted sessions and presented papers, and Tabet got to explore Paris for the very first time. We are looking forward to many more in person meetings, and George and Hannah will be there to welcome visitors to our booth at the AAR/SBL Annual Meetings in Denver this fall.

Back at Gorgias HQ, Joan has continued to manage customer service, administration, and IT with a smile and an eye for innovation, no matter the challenges faced. In the last six months she's added multiple Open Access titles to the system, processed countless orders, and made sure new volumes of the Antioch Bible reach eager subscribers as quickly as possible (with more new volumes coming soon).

The editorial and acquisitions team, headed-up by Melonie, with invaluable support from Tuomas and Brice, have continued to expand the breadth of titles published and to facilitate authors through the production process. Since the Spring Catalog, 29 titles have gone to press and 18 other manuscripts have entered production, all of which benefit from the creative eye and beautiful cover art of our designer, Melissa.

George is currently immersed in writing a new book about Syriac grammar and Christine is concentrating on teaching to a diverse student body at Rutgers. The Gorgias team is now focusing both on supporting



George enjoying Paris cafe culture with delegates from the Symposium Syriacum



The Gorgias Booth on the first day of the Symposium Syriacum

upcoming scholars through the Gorgias Book Grant as well as publishing titles by new and established authors, such as the titles *The Stories We Tell: Halakhic Anecdotes in the Babylonian Talmud*, by Judith Hauptman (new releases, page 15), and *Shi'ite Rulers, Sunni Rivals, and Christians in Between: Muslim-Christian Relations in Fatimid Palestine and Egypt*, by Steven Gertz (forthcoming, page 9).

As we're now in our 21st year, we feel that the Press is really coming of age. We're looking forward to embarking on the next phase and, as always, are delighted to have the support of our friends, contributors, and publishing partners.

George and Christine Kiraz

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George Anton Kiraz, General Editor

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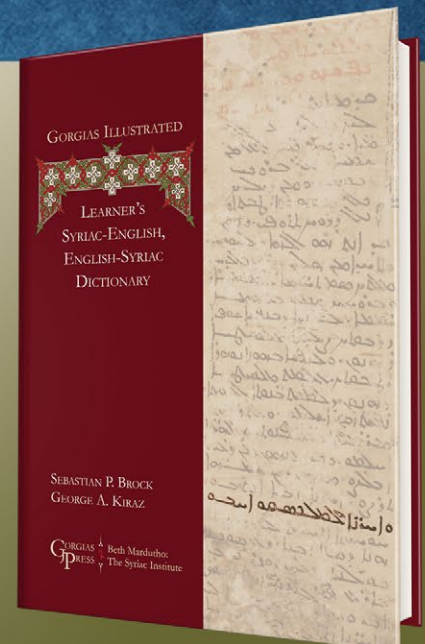
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<https://www.gorgiaspress.com/new-testament-syriac-english-overview>.
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Gorgias Illustrated Learner's Syriac-English, English-Syriac Dictionary

By Sebastian P. Brock & George Anton Kiraz

This dictionary is both a convenient academic resource and a door into the world of Modern Literary Syriac. With 13,000 entries drawn from the major existing works, alongside dozens of explanatory boxes on biblical, historical, theological, liturgical, cultural, as well as grammatical topics, and over 80 colored illustrations, it is a practical tool for those that wish to access all but the most specialized Classical Syriac texts.

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At the turn of the century, one man struggles for the soul of American foreign policy

The Gentle American

George Horton's Odyssey and His True Account of the Smyrna Catastrophe

By Ismini Lamb & Christopher Lamb

How many lives can one man save? Never enough, Horton realized. As his ship backed away from Smyrna's wharf, he could better see the helpless, teeming crowd on the waterfront trapped between the sea and a raging inferno. He was not consoled by rescuing his shipload of refugees, nor by the many other Christian, Jewish, and Muslim lives he had saved during his service as American consul. His focus was on the people before him threatened with fire, rape, and massacre. Their persecution, he later said, made him ashamed he "belonged to the human race." Helping them would not be easy, however. His superiors were blocking humanitarian aid and covering up atrocities with fake news and disinformation to win Turkish approval for American access to oil. When Horton decried their duplicity and hard-heartedness, they conspired to destroy his reputation. Undaunted, Horton pursued his cause until it went to the President and then Congress for resolution. At stake was the outcome of WWI, the stability and liberality of the Middle East, and the likelihood of more genocide.

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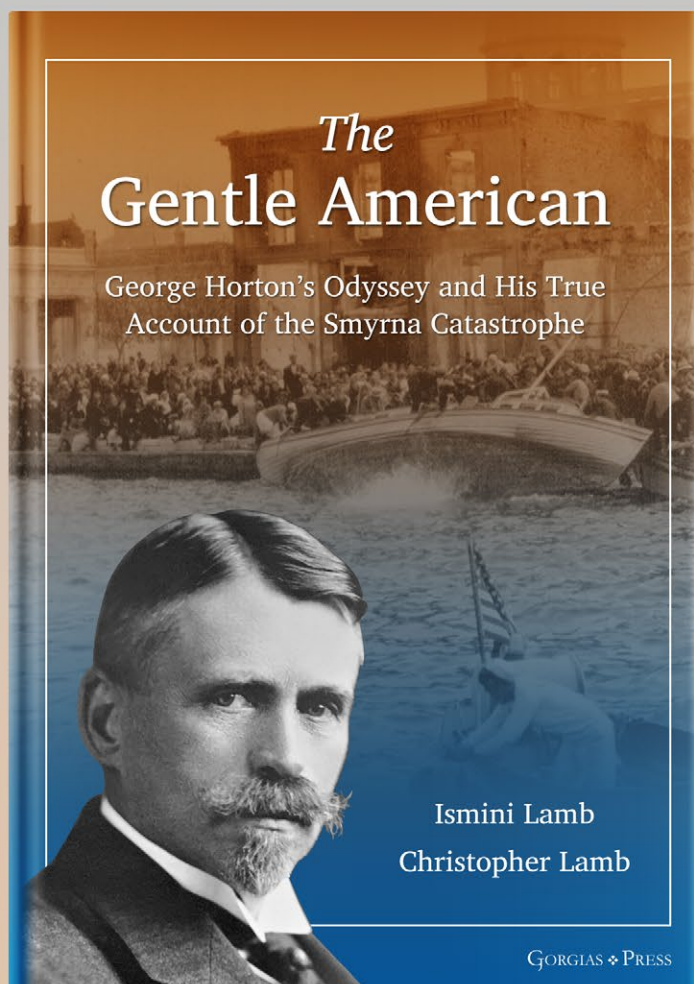
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ILLUMINATING VARIANT READINGS

Luke 6:35, Revised Standard Version:

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, **expecting nothing in return.**

Most witnesses have, “love your enemies, do good to them, and lend expecting nothing in return” (μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες). However, a very few (e.g. W Ξ sys) have a text that supplies a personal object for the verb (μηδένα), thereby requiring a different meaning for the verb, “to disappoint,” or more literally, “to cut off one’s hope.” The Peshitta and the Sinaitic manuscript of the Old Syriac clearly share this distinctive text.

Daniel 11:16, Revised Standard Version:

But he who comes against him shall take the actions he pleases, and no one shall withstand him. He shall take a position in **the beautiful land**, and all of it shall be in his power.



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Luke 6:35, Syriac Peshitta:

But love your enemies, do good to them, lend to them, **and do not cut off any person’s hope.**

Daniel 11:16, Syriac Peshitta:

The one who comes against him will do whatever he pleases, and none will stand before him. He will arise in **the land of Israel**, and it will be delivered into his hands.

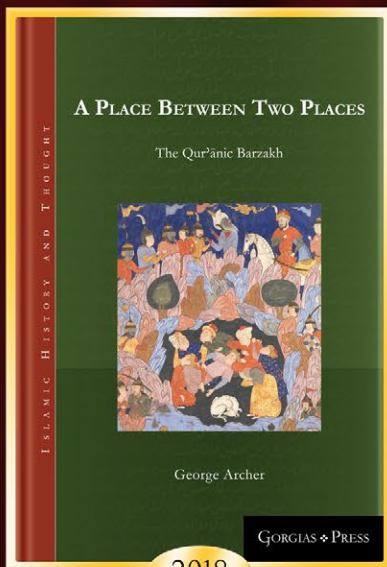
Where is “the beautiful land?” The apocalyptic prophecy of Daniel 11 is ambiguous in the original Hebrew, but the Syriac version of the text provides a clear answer.



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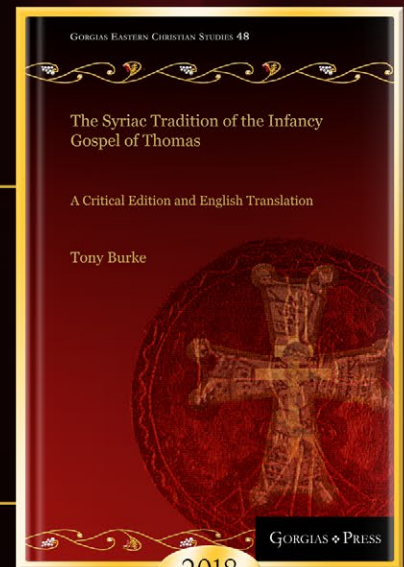
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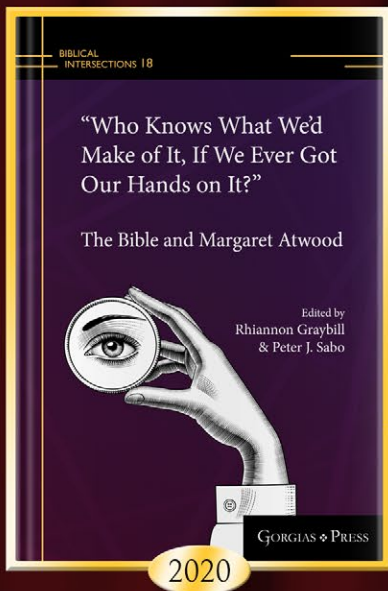
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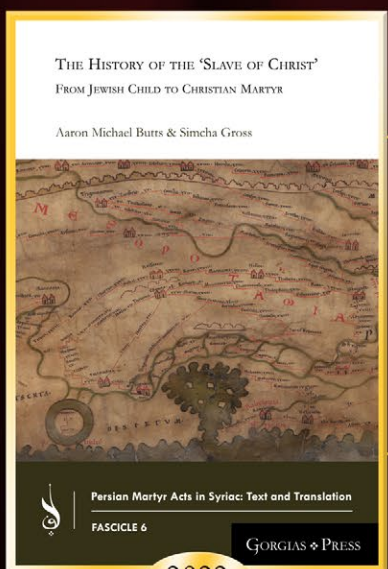
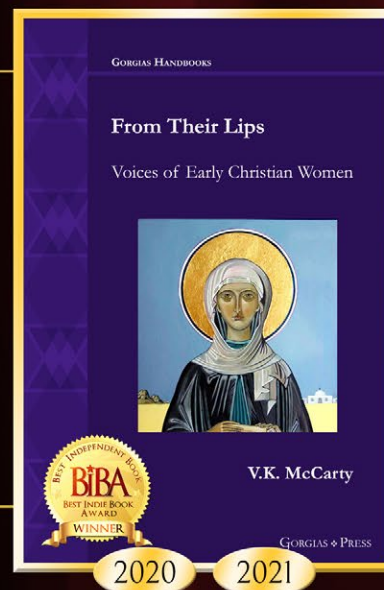
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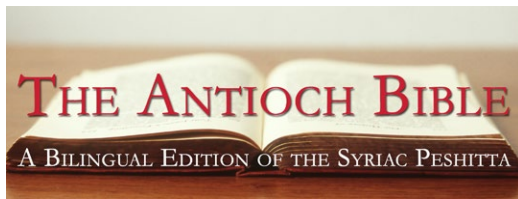


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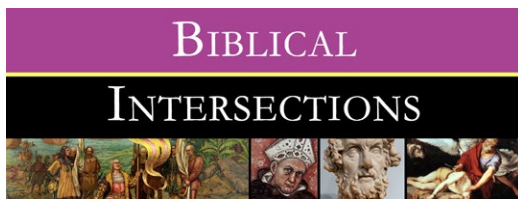
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converses with vignettes from Newark, New Jersey’s Ironbound neighborhood—a low income, largely Latinx and immigrant community—to explore relations between these two otherwise isolated locales. The result is a discussion of gentrifications harmful effects on vibrant communities, made invisible to suburban Christian readers, and an effort to explore how marginalized people make persistent demands upon those who hold Mark’s Gospel sacred.

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In Concept and Reality

By Peter Kawerau; Translated by Patrick Conlin

The Syriac Orthodox Church experienced a revival of writing and theological insight during the 11th – 13th centuries known as the Syriac Renaissance. Authors like Bar ‘Ebroyo, Michael I Rabo (Michael the Great) and Dionysios Bar Salibi authored their own original works and translated Greek and Arabic writings into Syriac. However, then as now, grand ecclesiastical plans sometimes fell short of real life application. This time period was also a significant one in secular history, with Crusaders, Muslims, and Mongol khans battling for control of the Middle East. After scouring the available Syriac chronicles from the Syriac Renaissance, Peter Kawerau has summarized both the stated ideals and lived realities of ecclesiastic structures and interactions between Syriac-speaking Christians and their neighbors of other traditions and faiths. This translation, based on Kawerau’s 1960 edition, updates some of the language used and makes this work available to English speaking students, scholars, and interested laity.

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The book analyses the works of Muḥammad b. Jarīr al-Ṭabarī (224/839–310/923) as expressions of the theory of natural law and natural rights, and its corollary theories of politics and social contract, language and rhetoric, hermeneutics, metaphysics, ontology, epistemology, and ethics. Through this approach, the author argues that al-Ṭabarī's scholarship constitutes not only sources of information about the rise and early development of Islam and Islamic politics and disciplines, but theoretically informed analysis of sources and scripture as well. As such, al-Ṭabarī's works offer important contributions to current research into early Islamic history, law, administration, and the Qur'an. A preliminary effort is also made to historically trace al-Ṭabarī's theoretical paradigms to a continuum of translation and commentary on Aristotle's works. The starting point is the mid-500s CE in the Sassanid empire and the Arab politics within its domain, i.e., the Lakhmid kingdom and its administrative links with Hijaz, and the end point is the mid-300s H/900s CE in the Abbasid Caliphate. Alongside this theoretical legacy, the author plots both the Qur'an and al-Ṭabarī's works, including his famous Qur'an commentary. Special attention is also devoted to relations between theory and practice, concerning ownership of lands, the land tax, redistribution and the common good, conditions for agriculture, and peasants' rights.

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Les informations subtiles de la somme de théorie légale (Nukat al-Maḥṣūl fī ʿilm al-uṣūl)

By Ilyass Amharar

The Qāḍī Abū Bakr Ibn al-ʿArabī was an Aṣʿarite theologian, a Maliki jurist and an Andalusian traditionalist of the fifth-sixth / eleventh-twelfth century. His influence in the Muslim West is undeniable: he is one of the most important figures in the history of aṣʿarism in al-Andalus, and introduced *kalam* books that quickly became references of local teaching, such as the *Irsād* of al-Ḡuwaynī. He also introduced treatises of *uṣūl al-fiqh* such as the *Mustasfa* and the *Manḥūl* of al-Ḡazālī. Ibn al-ʿArabī is also the most famous disciple of the latter and one of the first to have transmitted his thought to Andalusian scholars, then to the rest of the Muslim West. Through a critical, introduced, translated and commented French edition of his sum of legal theory entitled *Nukat al-Maḥṣūl fī ʿilm uṣūl*, this present work shows how the legal thought of the Qāḍī is articulated between language and theology.

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By Maher Jarrar

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Shiʿite Rulers, Sunni Rivals, and Christians in Between

Muslim-Christian Relations in Fāṭimid Palestine and Egypt

By Steven Gertz

The study of sectarianism in Islam and the study of Muslim-Christian relations are both sub-specialities attracting growing numbers of scholars in Islamic studies. Rarely, though, are these two fields put into direct conversation with each other. In this work, Steven Gertz brings the two together to ask how the Sunni-Shi'a divide in Islam impacts Muslim relationships with Christians. Do tensions within Islam do more to help Muslim relationships with Christians, or harm them? Gertz goes about answering this through a historical study of the Fatimid caliphate in Palestine and Egypt during the fourth/tenth and fifth/eleventh centuries. He specifically works to understand how Fatimid religious principles (ascertained through the study of law) and politics (ascertained through the study of history) impacted Christians in light of Fatimid-Abbasid rivalry. In the process of doing so, he makes a valuable contribution to the study of Islamic religious identity formation as it concerns sectarianism within Islam and inter-religious relations with non-Muslims.

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By Adalbert Merx; Translated by Daniel King

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Recognized as a saint by both Chalcedonian and non-Chalcedonian Christians alike, Jacob of Sarug (d. 521) produced many narrative poems that have rarely been translated into English. Of his reported 760 metrical homilies, only about half survive. Part of a series of fascicles containing the bilingual Syriac-English editions of Saint Jacob of Sarug's homilies, this volume contains his homilies on King Abgar and the Apostle Addai, recounting the famous legend of Abgar of Edessa's conversion to Christianity: the letter of Abgar, Jesus's response (along with a promise that the enemy will never rule over Edessa), and Addai's mission to Edessa. The Syriac text is fully vocalized, and the translation is annotated with a commentary and biblical references. The volume is one of the fascicles of Gorgias Press's *The Metrical Homilies of Mar Jacob of Sarug*, which, when complete, will contain all of Jacob's surviving sermons.

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Translation and Introduction by Dominique Sirgy

The Shbītho d-Dayroye is a personal prayer book for monks and nuns that likely dates to the 13th century. The prayers it contains are to be prayed on one's own, seven times a day. In this volume, the Syriac text and English translation are presented on facing pages.

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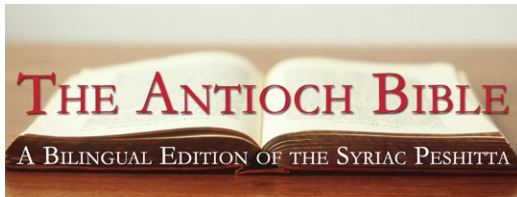


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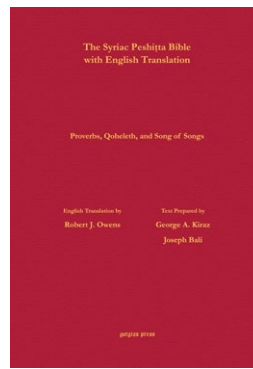


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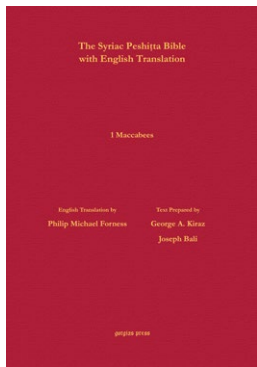


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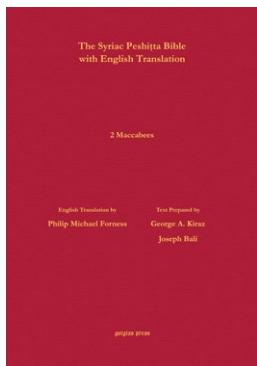


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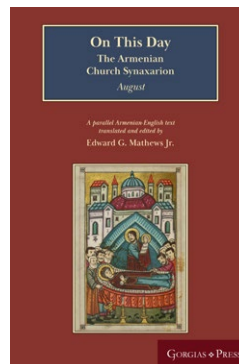
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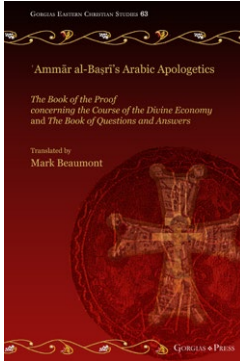
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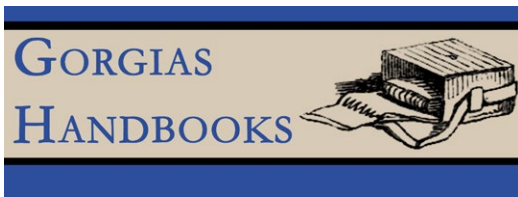


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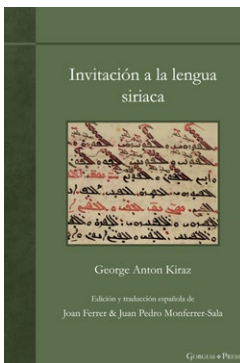
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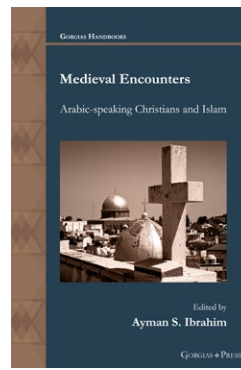


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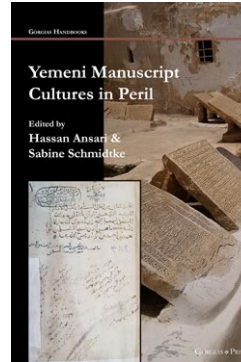


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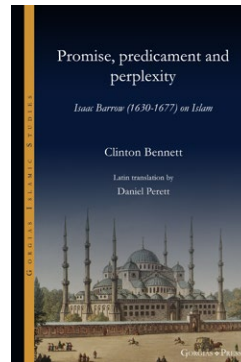
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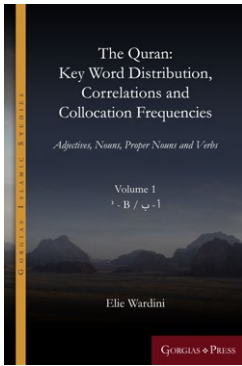
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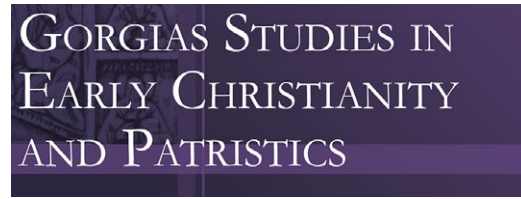
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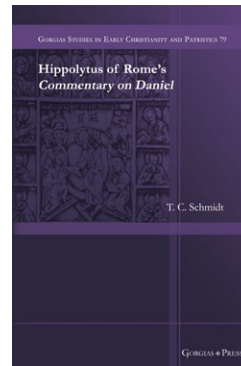
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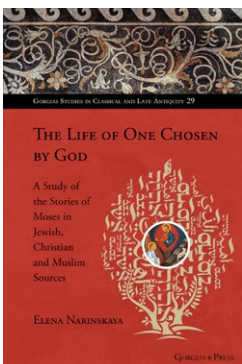
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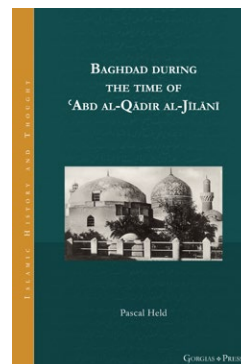
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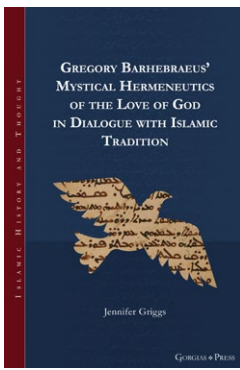


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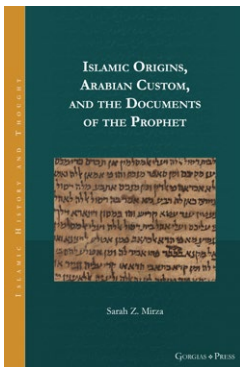
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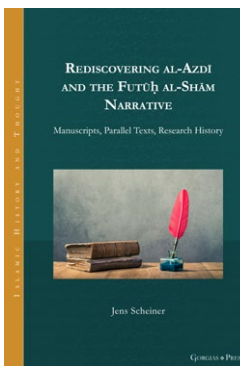
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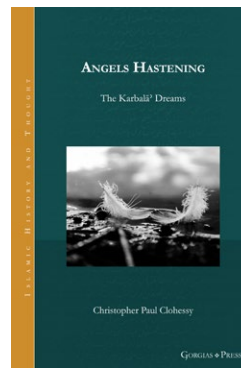
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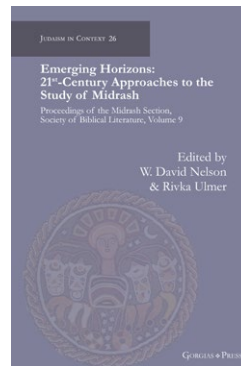
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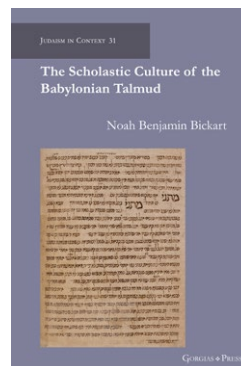
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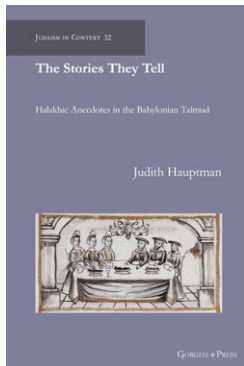
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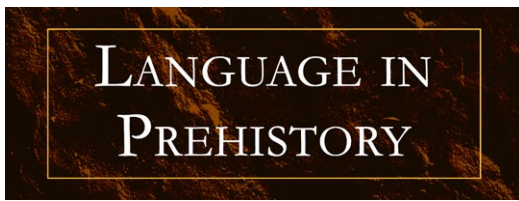


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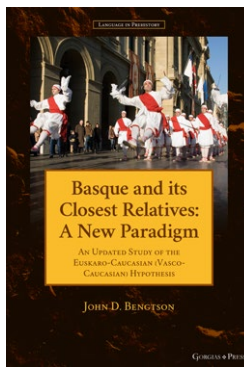
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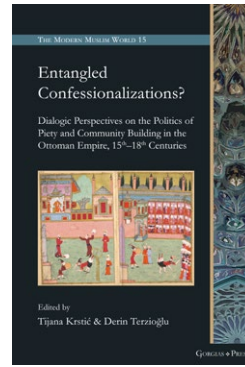
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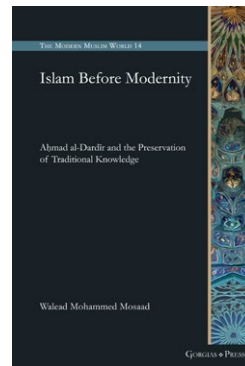


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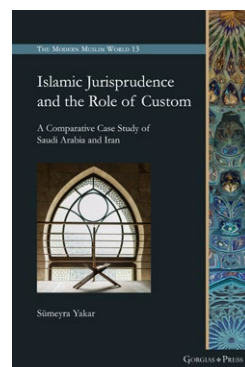
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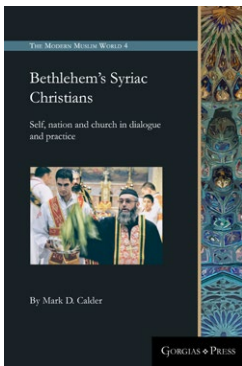
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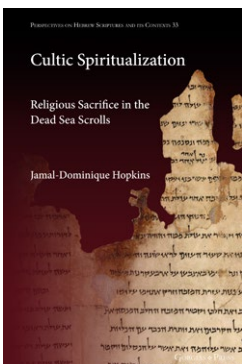
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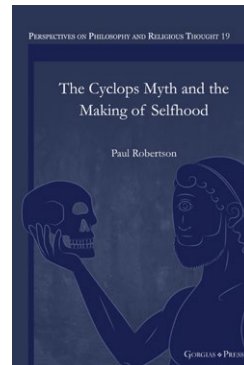
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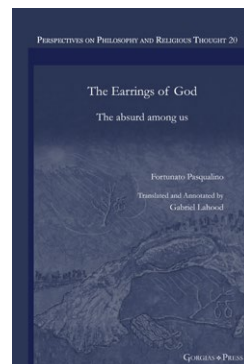


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By Paul Robertson

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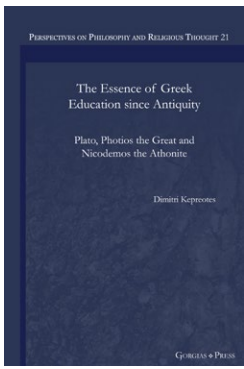
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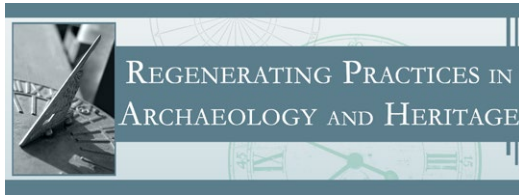
Plato, Photios the Great and Nicodemos the Athonite

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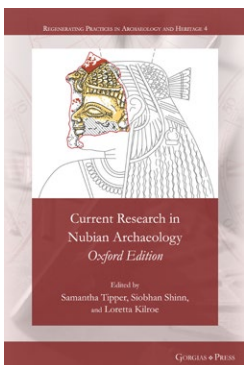
This book attempts to answer the question: *what are the essential features of Greek education?* In so doing, it explores the extent to which the educational ideals and practices of *paideia* have displayed continuity from classical Athens until modern times.

The views of Plato, Photios the Great (9th century) and Nicodemos the Athonite (18th century) are examined in particular, revealing significant stages of development. The book offers a presentation of what *paideia* holds up to be its own goal on its own terms. The proponents of the *paideia* tradition sought an answer to the age-old question, ‘What constitutes the human person?’ The response to that enigma determined everything else. Education took shape accordingly and led to a lifelong process of harmonising the respective functions of the soul and body. On account of its value on both a personal and communal level, *paideia* is of paramount significance for Plato and other exponents, such as Nicodemos. Their individual legacies stand like bookends on either side of some 22 centuries of Greek education that are appraised within these pages.

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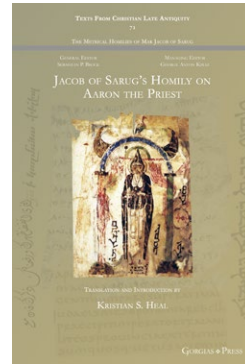
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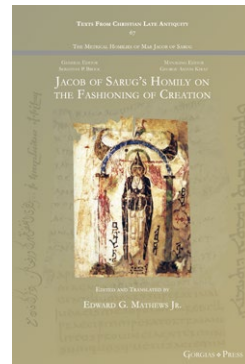


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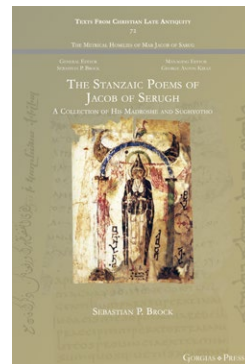


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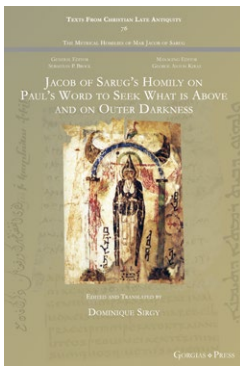
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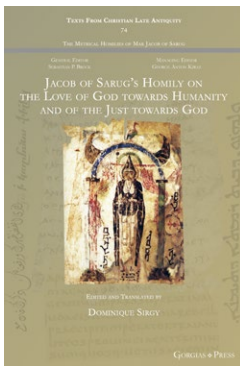
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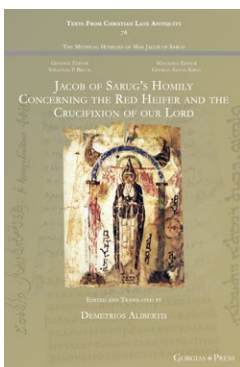


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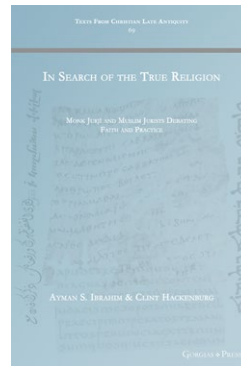


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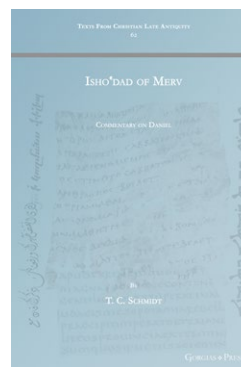


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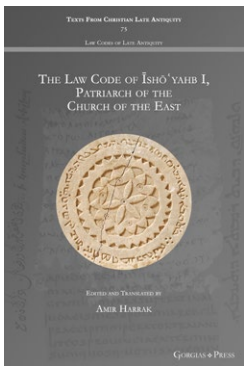


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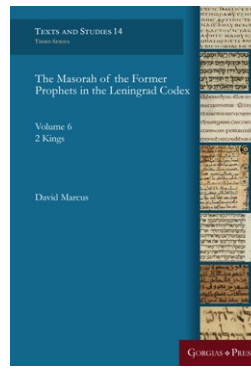
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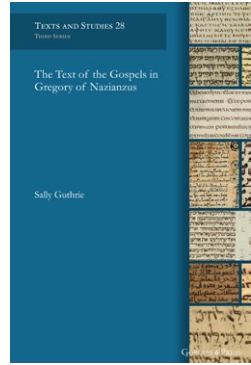
By David Marcus

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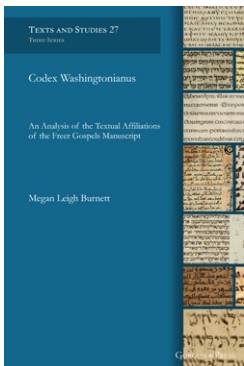


The Text of the Gospels in Gregory of Nazianzus

By Sally Guthrie

Quotations in early Christian writers provide important evidence for the text of the New Testament as well as the ways in which Scripture was used and received in the early Church. The fourth-century archbishop Gregory of Nazianzus was one of the most influential and widely-read authors of his time, but because the majority of his output was in poetic form he has rarely been treated as a source for the biblical text. The present study brings together all the identifiable references to the Gospels in Gregory's writings for the first time, comparing them with standard biblical texts and manuscripts in order to determine their significance for the history and transmission of the New Testament. This collection also sheds new light on Gregory's treatment of Scripture and the distinctive role it plays in his rhetorical style.

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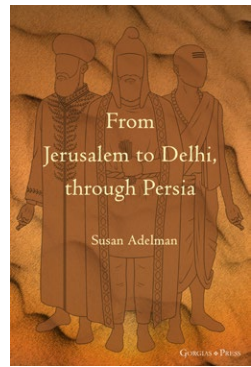
By Megan Leigh Burnett

Codex Washingtonianus: An Analysis of the Textual Affiliations of the Freer Gospels Manuscript draws a text-critical picture of one of the most complex Greek manuscripts of the Gospels. The monograph presents a detailed examination of the textual features of Codex

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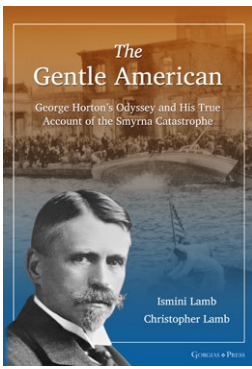


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By Susan Adelman

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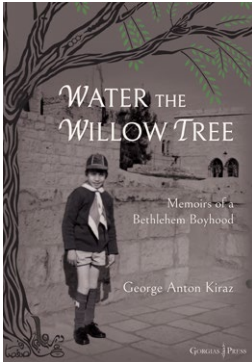
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George Horton was the American consul in Smyrna, Turkey when Turkish Nationalists sacked and burned it in September 1922. Horton came to Christ late in life, but took his teachings seriously and to great effect. For more than a decade, he intervened repeatedly to help Muslim, Jewish, and Christian refugees, saving countless lives. When the Department of State covered up mass murder in a bid to secure oil, Horton battled fake news, government disinformation, and bureaucratic skulduggery to prevent the United States from absolving Turkish leaders of genocide, and to ensure aid reached the millions of refugees that only Greece and no other country would accept. The biography reveals Horton's controversial and misunderstood history of these events was accurate, and that it helps explain the catastrophic violence against civilians in WWII and current radicalism in the Middle East.

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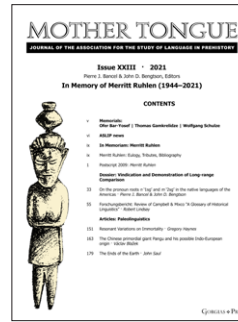


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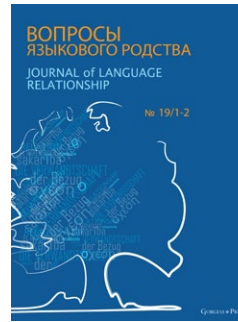
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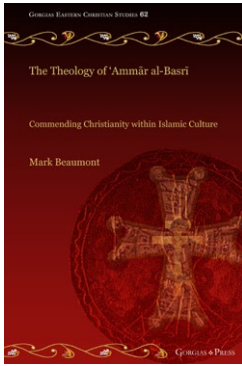
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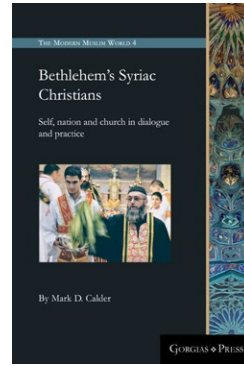
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'Ammār al-Basrī (d.c. 850) was the first Christian to write a systematic theology in Arabic, the language of the Muslim rulers of 'Ammār's Middle East. This study of his two works that were only discovered in the 1970's seeks to analyse the way he defends Christian beliefs from criticism by Muslims over the authenticity of the Gospels, the Trinity, the divinity of Christ, the Incarnation, the death of Christ by crucifixion, the resurrection of Christ, and the nature of the afterlife. 'Ammār al-Basrī wrote his theology in dialogue with Muslim thinkers of his time and his work offers guidance to Christians in today's world who live in Islamic contexts in how to relate Christian convictions to a Muslim audience.

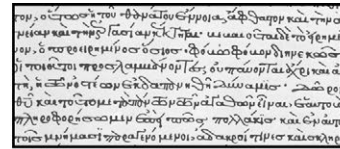
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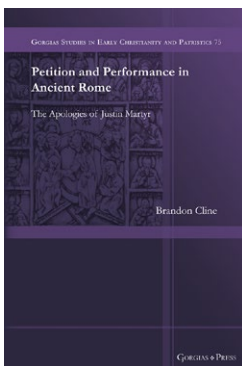
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Self, nation and church in dialogue and practice
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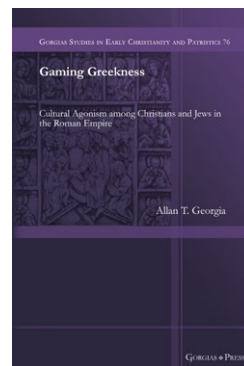
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The Apologies of Justin Martyr
 By Brandon Cline

The system of petition and response was part and parcel of life in the Roman Empire. This book contextualizes Justin Martyr's Apologies within this system of petition and response, arguing that Justin, in a fertile moment in the history of administrative practice, took a well-scripted form of imperial supplication and public display and boldly transformed it into a uniquely stylized statement of voiced injustice and Christian transparency. Using the heuristic of performance, this book not only compares the Apologies to extant petitions but draws attention to Justin's strategies of elaboration and to the qualities of his work as a staged enactment within wider political, social, and literary contexts. The result is a reading of the *Apologies* as an opportunistic combination of petitionary, apologetic, and protreptic discourses by which Justin sought to address both his procedural objections to Christian trials and the popular and philosophical prejudices of his learned contemporaries.

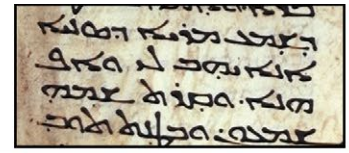
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Gaming Greekness
Cultural Agonism among Christians and Jews in the Roman Empire
 By Allan T. Georgia

How the Jewish and Christian communities that emerged in the early Roman Empire navigated a 'Hellenistic' world is a longstanding and unsettled question. Recent scholarship on the intellectual cultures that developed among Greek speaking subjects of Rome in the so-called Second Sophistic as well as models for culture and competition informed by mathematical and economic game theories provide new ideas to address this question. This study offers a model for a kind of culture-making that accounts for how the cultural ecosystems of the Roman Empire enabled these religious communities to win legitimacy and build discourses of self-expression by competing on the same cultural fields as other Roman subjects. By considering a range of texts and figures—including Justin Martyr, Tatian, the 'second' Paul of the Acts of the Apostles, Lucian of Samosata, 4 Maccabees, and Favorinus of Arelate—this study contends that competing for legitimacy enabled those fledgling religious communities to express coherent cultural identities and secure social credibility within the complex milieu of Roman Imperial society.

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SYRIAC AND SYRIAC STUDIES, INCLUDING PESHITTA BIBLES

The Antioch Bible

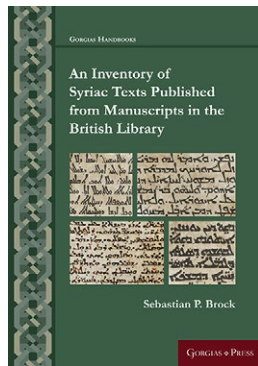
The Antioch Bible Series provides a fresh new idiomatic English translation of the Syriac Bible (called the “Peshitta”) alongside the original text in 35 volumes. The Syriac is fully vocalized and pointed so that readers at any level will be able to work with it—from beginners who are just starting to learn the language to experienced scholars who want a text to consult. See page 5 for details.

Syriac-English New Testament

Launched in early 2020, this leather-bound bilingual Syriac-English edition of the New Testament includes a detailed introduction to the history of the Peshitta New Testament, features colorful illustrations from the famous Rabbula Gospels, and comes in both gilded and standard formats. See page 3 for details.

An Inventory of Syriac Texts Published from Manuscripts in the British Library

By Sebastian P. Brock



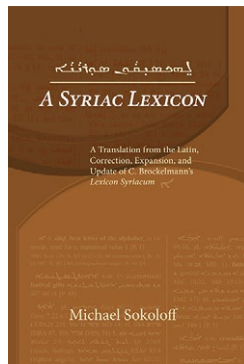
The British Library possesses one of the most important collections of Syriac manuscripts in the world, with large numbers dating back to the second half of the first millennium CE. The publication of important Syriac texts from these manuscripts has been going on for some 180 years and still continues. The aim of the present volume is to provide a guide to these scattered publications: following the sequence of the shelf-marks (call numbers), for each manuscript indication is given of what texts have been published from it. For convenience, a concordance between Wright’s Catalogue numbers and shelf-marks is provided, along with a list of palimpsests and of joins with manuscripts in other libraries, in particular with those still in the Library of Dayr al-Surian in Egypt, the monastery which was the source of over 500 manuscripts and fragments purchased by the British Museum in the mid nineteenth century.

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A Syriac Lexicon

A Translation from the Latin, Correction, Expansion, and Update of C. Brockelmann’s Lexicon Syriacum

By Michael Sokoloff

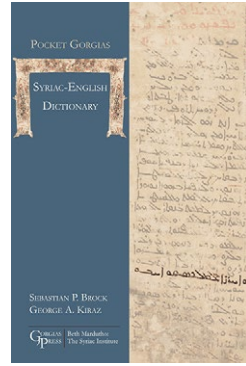


The second edition of Carl Brockelmann’s *Lexicon Syriacum*, published in 1928, is a highly reputable Syriac dictionary. However, its Latin language and the ordering of words according to trilateral Semitic roots make its use difficult for most students and scholars. This revised edition by Sokoloff renders meanings in English, arranges words alphabetically, and includes many useful tools on a CD.

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Pocket Gorgias Syriac-English Dictionary

By Sebastian P. Brock & George Anton Kiraz



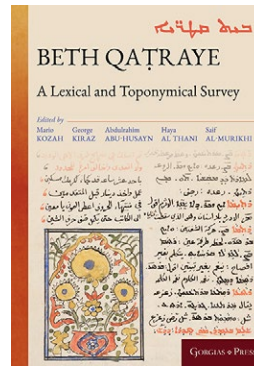
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Beth Qaṭraye

A Lexical and Toponymical Survey

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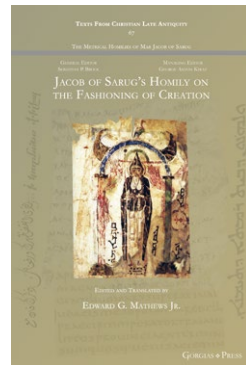


This volume presents and analyzes information on the pre-Islamic and early Islamic historical geography and toponyms of the Beth Qaṭraye region as well as newly discovered vocabulary from a language referred to as Qaṭrāyīth (“in Qatari”) used by its inhabitants.

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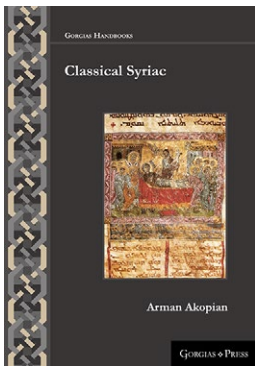
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Recognized as a saint by both Chalcedonian and non-Chalcedonian Christians alike, Jacob of Sarug (d. 521) produced many narrative poems that have rarely been translated into English. Of his reported 760 metrical homilies, only about half survive. Part of a series of fascicles containing the bilingual Syriac-English editions of Saint Jacob of Sarug’s homilies, this volume contains his entire seven-part homily on the Fashioning of Creation. The Syriac text is fully vocalized, and the translation is annotated with a commentary and biblical references. The volume is one of the fascicles of Gorgias Press’s *The Metrical Homilies of Mar Jacob of Sarug*, which, when complete, will contain all of Jacob’s surviving sermons.

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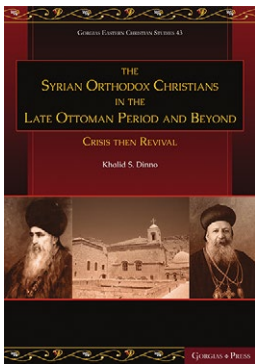


Gorgias Illustrated Learner's Syriac-English, English-Syriac Dictionary

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This dictionary is both a convenient academic resource and a door into the world of Modern Literary Syriac. With 13,000 entries drawn from the major existing works, alongside dozens of explanatory boxes on biblical, historical, theological, liturgical, cultural, as well as grammatical topics, and over 80 colored illustrations, it is a practical tool for those that wish to access all but the most specialized Classical Syriac texts.

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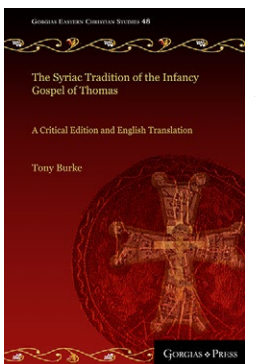
The Syrian Orthodox Christians in the Late Ottoman Period and Beyond

Crisis then Revival
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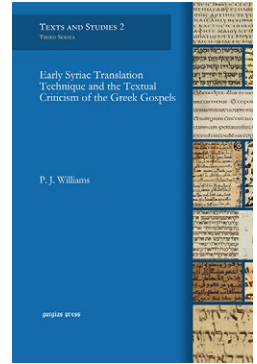
The Syriac Tradition of the Infancy Gospel of Thomas
A Critical Edition and English Translation

By Tony Burke

The Infancy Gospel of Thomas, like many apocryphal gospels, has been much transformed over the course of its transmission. This volume covers the history of scholarship on the Syriac Infancy Gospel of Thomas, a description of the extant manuscripts (now numbering over twenty and divided into three recensions), and editions and translations

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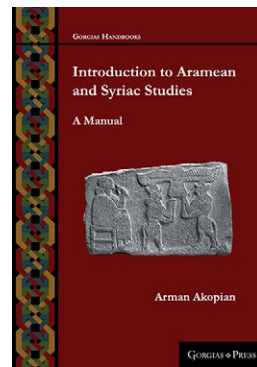


Early Syriac Translation Technique and the Textual Criticism of the Greek Gospels

By P. J. Williams

Although scholars have often made inferences about the Greek texts that lay behind the Old Syriac and Peshitta versions of the Gospels, very few have ever attempted to formulate systematic rules for such inferences. This volume investigates a wide range of textual phenomena and formulates clear and simple rules for the use of Syriac texts as witnesses to the underlying Greek. It becomes possible to uncover errors that have accumulated during the evolution of the Greek New Testament textual apparatus. Williams argues these errors generally stem from the unjustified use of Syriac witnesses.

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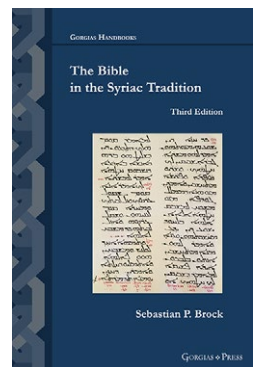
Introduction to Aramean and Syriac Studies

A manual

By Arman Akopian

Originally published in Armenian, this comprehensive introduction to Aramean and Syriac studies provides a gateway to the history, language, culture, and religion of the Aramean/Syriac people from the ancient times, through to the modern day. Special attention is given to such topics as translation and literary activity of the Syriacs, their missionary zeal and role as an intercultural medium, denominational fragmentation, and identity issues. The book is intended for the students of Oriental and Semitic studies but will be of value to anyone interested in the history and cultural heritage of the Christian Orient.

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The Bible in the Syriac Tradition (Third Edition)

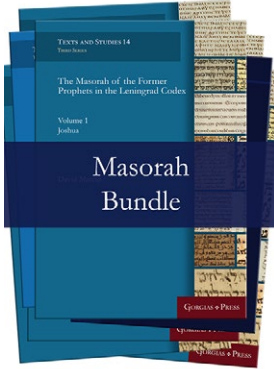
By Sebastian P. Brock

This is a basic introduction to the various Syriac translations of the Bible and the ways in which they were used in the Syriac tradition. After an initial discussion of the general problems of biblical translation, the different surviving Syriac translations are outlined, as well as biblical manuscripts, lectionaires, printed editions, and translations. A reception history of the Syriac Bible covers the ways in which it has been interpreted, the commentary tradition, its use in preaching, in liturgy, and in spirituality. An appendix offers some comparative samples (in translation) to illustrate some of the differences between the different Syriac translations.

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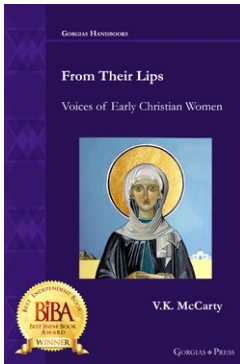


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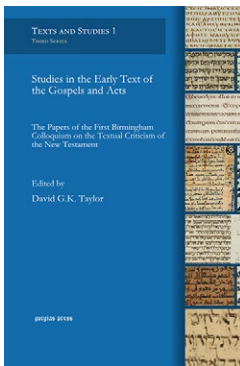


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Voices of Early Christian Women
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The Church venerates among its saints several Early Christian women whose teaching and wisdom contribute to the depth of our theological heritage. Their inspired voices can be heard at work witnessing; in the New Testament, in the early centuries of the Church Fathers and throughout the Byzantine era. Readers will find this volume bringing female leaders from the Early Church to life from the traditional ancient sources and sharing their experience of the presence of God. Their remembered advice to followers still illuminates issues of faith and justice which bind us together as Christians today.

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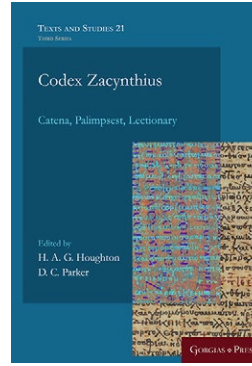
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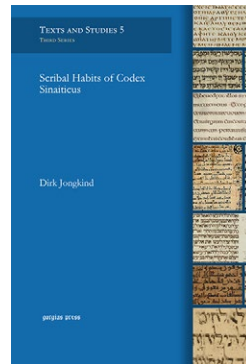


Codex Zacynthius

Catena, Palimpsest, Lectionary
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This book consists of a series of studies of Codex Zacynthius (Cambridge, University Library MS Add. 10062), the earliest surviving New Testament commentary manuscript in catena format. A research project funded by the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council has produced new multispectral images of the palimpsest undertext in order to enable a thorough investigation of the manuscript and the creation of a complete electronic edition. This volume, co-authored by the members of the project, will provide a full account of the research undertaken by the project. Many advances have resulted from this research, which will be presented here for the first time in print.

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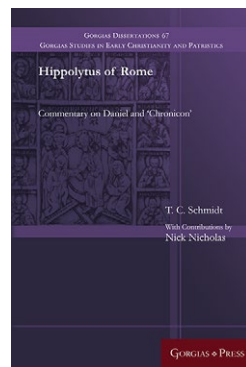


Scribal Habits of Codex Sinaiticus

By Dirk Jongkind

Codex Sinaiticus is one of the oldest, famous, and most important manuscripts of the Bible. At least three scribes copied the text manually, and they were faced with many decisions: What do I do when I spot an error in the text I just copied? What is the right spelling of this word? Is it time for a new paragraph? This book studies a variety of textual and non-textual phenomena in Codex Sinaiticus. We discover more about this important biblical manuscript as well as the individuals with their own habits, qualities, and skill levels who produced it.

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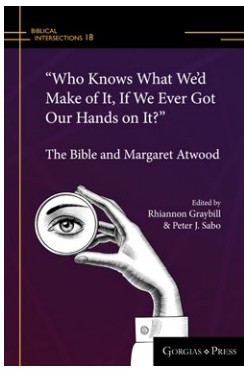


Hippolytus of Rome

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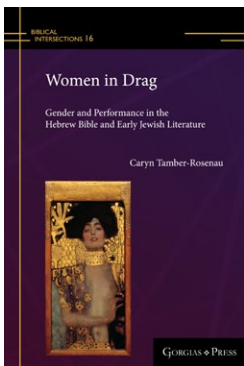


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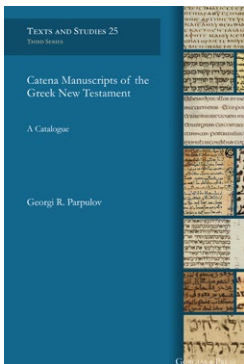
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 By Caryn Tamber-Rosenau

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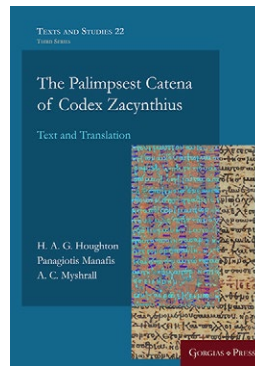
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Catena Manuscripts of the Greek New Testament
A Catalogue
 By Georgi R. Parpulov

The book is a synoptic catalogue of a large class of Greek manuscripts: it describes all pre-seventeenth century copies of the Greek New Testament in which the biblical text is accompanied by commentary. Manuscripts where this commentary consists of combined excerpts (*catena*) from the works of various authors are described in particular detail. Those that have similar content are grouped together, so that the potential relatives of any given manuscript can be easily identified. Several previously unknown types of *catenae* are distinguished and a number of previously unstudied codices are brought to light for the first time. To ensure its longer shelf-life, the volume systematically references on-line electronic databases (which are regularly updated). It will be of use to anyone interested in Byzantine book culture and in biblical exegesis.

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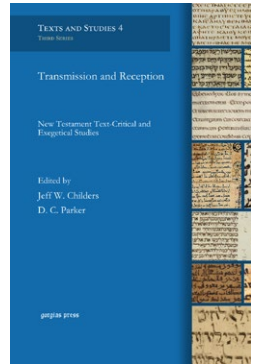


The Palimpsest Catena of Codex Zacynthius
Text and Translation

By H. A. G. Houghton, Panagiotis Manafis & A. C. Myshrall

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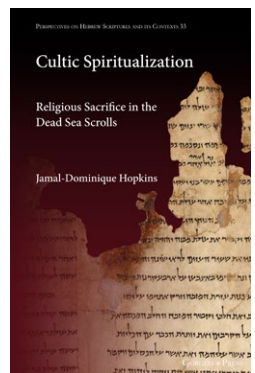


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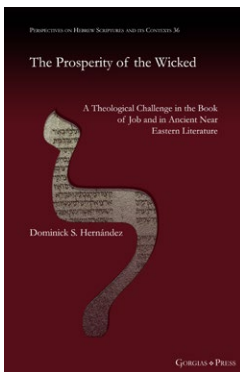
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Religious Sacrifice in the Dead Sea Scrolls
 By Jamal-Dominique Hopkins

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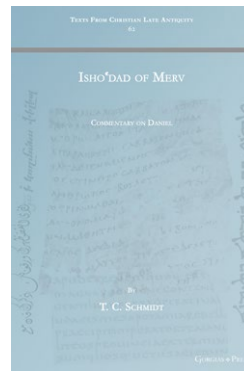
The Prosperity of the Wicked
A Theological Challenge in the Book of Job and in Ancient Near Eastern Literature

By Dominick S. Hernández

Does Job convincingly argue against a fixed system of just retribution by proclaiming the prosperity of the wicked—an assertion that distinctly runs contrary to traditional biblical and ancient Near Eastern wisdom? This study addresses

this question, giving careful consideration to the rhetoric, imagery, and literary devices used to treat the issue of the fate of the wicked in Job's first two rounds of dialogue, where the topic is predominantly disputed. The analysis will glean from related biblical and non-biblical texts in order to expose how Job deals with this fascinating subject and reveal the grandeur of the composition.

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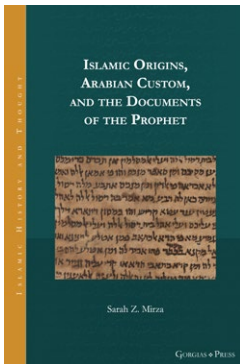
Isho'dad of Merv
Commentary on Daniel
 By T. C. Schmidt

Isho'dad of Merv's (fl. 850 AD) Commentary on Daniel provides an important witness to East Syriac exegetical technique. In it Isho'dad typically emphasizes an historical reading of the Old Testament above any kind of allegorical, spiritual, or even Christological interpretation. Most notable is Isho'dad's belief that the Maccabees fulfilled several of the visions described in the book of Daniel, even including the Heavenly Kingdom of Daniel chapters 2, 7, and 8, and the physical resurrection of Daniel 12. These interpretations dramatically depart from most eastern and western commentators who considered Daniel's visions to portend the rise of the Roman Empire and the advent of Christ. Isho'dad's commentary is translated here into English for the first time.

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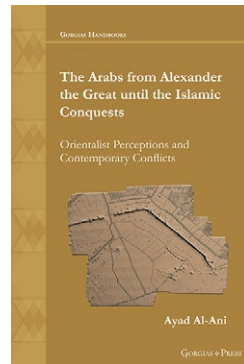


Islamic Origins, Arabian Custom, and the Documents of the Prophet

By Sarah Z. Mirza

Early Islamic historical literature attributes several hundred pragmatic documents to the Prophet Muḥammad. The consistent use of epistolary and legal formulae, which are found only in these documents, encourages us to treat these texts as a corpus. In addition to consistent terminology, formulaic structure, and formulae, these texts show remarkable stability through transmission. A comparison of these texts with Umayyad and 'Abbasid papyri reveals that the Prophet's documents reflect obsolete or otherwise unattested formulae. This study will demonstrate through three case studies the particular functions of these documents in the history of social relations in late antique Arabia.

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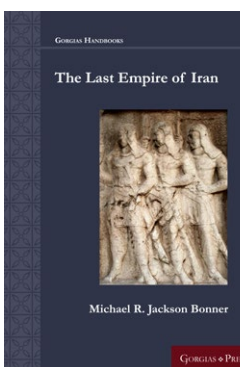


The Arabs from Alexander the Great until the Islamic Conquests
Orientalist Perceptions and Contemporary Conflicts

By Ayad Al-Ani

This is not a conventional history book. It is rather a study of the sociology of historical writing about a period that, although quite distant in time (330 B.C. to A.D. 670), still influences political discourse about the Arab world, and especially the relationship between the West and the Middle East. This book focuses on the riddle of the disappearance of the Arabs from history before Islam, their sudden appearance behind the banners of the Prophet, and the powerful and traumatic effect this emergence into world history has had on the relationship between the Arabs and the West.

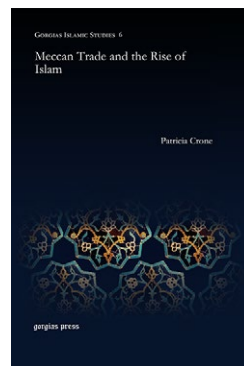
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 By Michael Bonner

As part of the Gorgias Handbook Series, this book provides a political and military history of the Sasanian Empire in Late Antiquity (220s to 651 CE). The book takes the form of a narrative, which situates Sasanian Iran as a continental power between Rome and the world of the steppe nomad.

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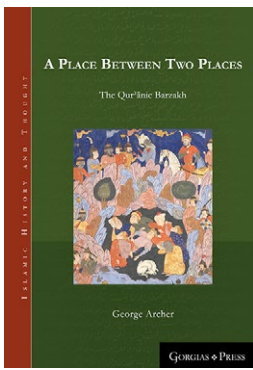


Meccan Trade and the Rise of Islam

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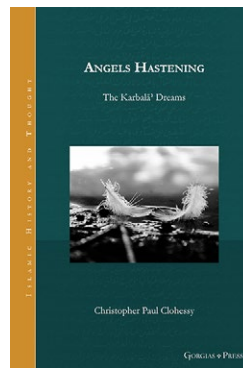
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The Qur'anic Barzakh
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What happens after death but before the final resurrection? This is the intermediate state. For most Muslims, it is called the barzakh, and it is a fantastical and frightening time in the grave. Throughout history and today this belief has been discussed and expressed in many forms: from Şūfī dreamscapes to theological tests of orthodoxy. But where does the barzakh come from first? Analyzing sixteen of the Qur'ān's *sūras* in search of oral formulae, subtextual hints, and concentric parallels, the early *barzakh* is exposed as a response to the saint cults of late antiquity, and most especially, the cult of the divine Christ. From here, the Qur'ānic vision of the *barzakh* is traced forward through later prophetic biographies, Islamic architecture, and the *ḥadīth* literature in order to show how the *barzakh* developed into the distinctive eschatological claims of the Islamic Middle Ages.

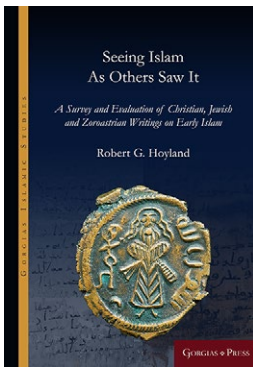
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Angels Hastening
The Karbalā' Dreams
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When, on an autumn Medina night in 61/680, the night that saw al-Ḥusayn killed, Umm Salama was torn from her sleep by an apparition of a long-dead Muḥammad, she slipped effortlessly into a progression of her co-religionists who, irrespective of status, gender or standing with God, were the recipients of dark and arresting visions. At the core of those Delphian dreams, peopled by angels or ḡinn or esteemed forbears, and textured with Iraqi dust and martyrs' blood, was the Karbalā' event. Her dream would be recounted by an array of Muslim scholars, from al-Tirmidī, stellar pupil of al-Buḥārī, and Ibn 'Asākir, untiring chronicler of Syrian history, to bibliophile theologian Ibn Ṭā'ūs and Egyptian polymath al-Suyūfī. But this was not Umm Salama's only otherworldly encounter and she was not the only one to have al-Ḥusayn's fate disturb her nights. This is their story.

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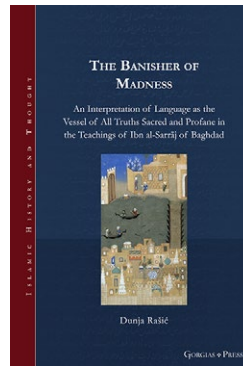


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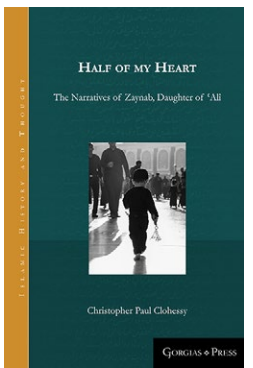
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The Banisher of Madness
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By Dunja Rašić

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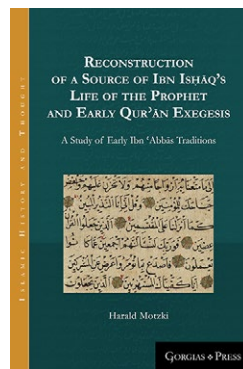


Half of my Heart
The Narratives of Zaynab, Daughter of 'Alī
By Christopher Paul Clohessy

As Abū 'Abd Allāh al-Ḥusayn, son of 'Alī and Fāṭima, and grandson of Muḥammad, moved inexorably towards death on the field of Karbalā', his sister Zaynab was drawn ever closer to the centre of the family of Muḥammad, the "people of the house" (ahl al-bayt).

There she would remain for a few historic days, challenging the wickedness of the Islamic leadership, defending the actions of her brother, initiating the commemorative rituals, protecting and nurturing the new Imām, al-Ḥusayn's son 'Alī b. al-Ḥusayn b. 'Alī b. Abī Ṭālib, until he could take his rightful place. This is her story.

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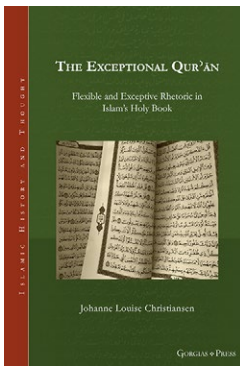


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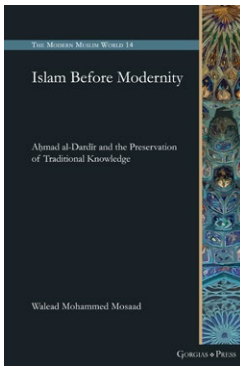


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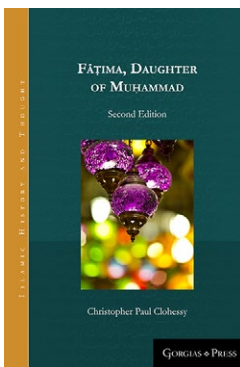


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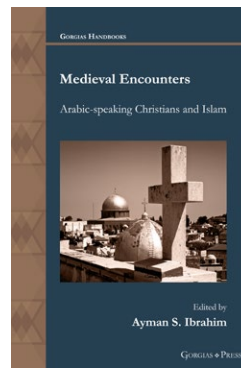


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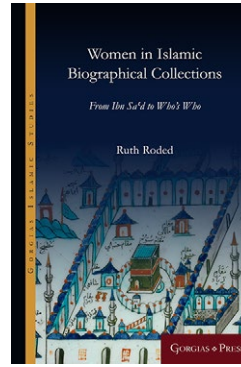
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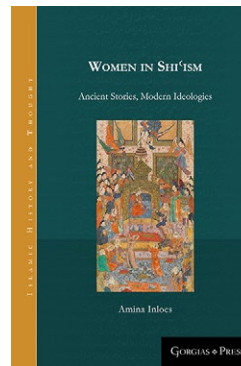
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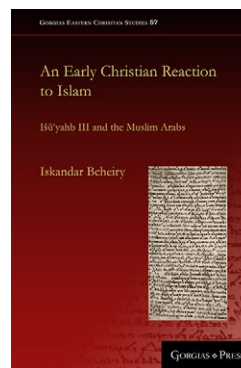
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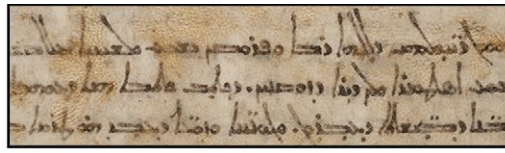
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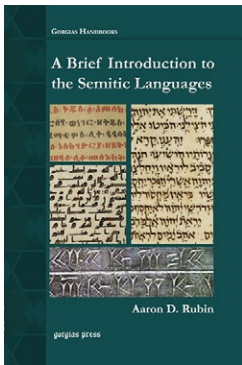
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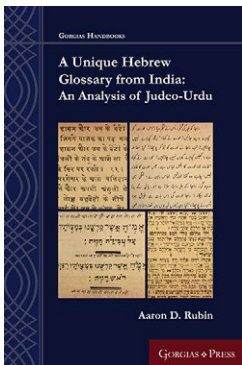
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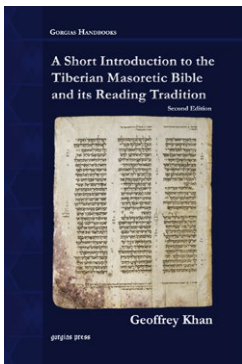
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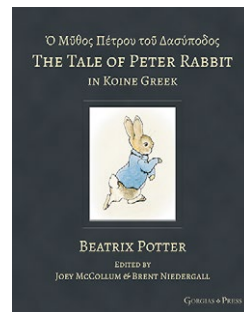
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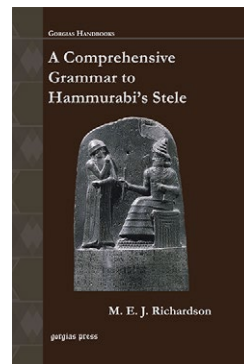


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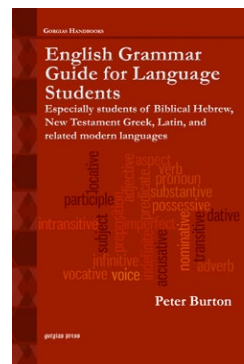


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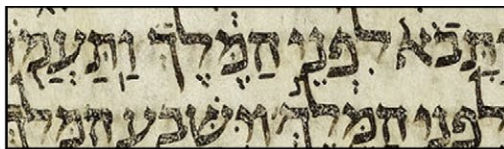
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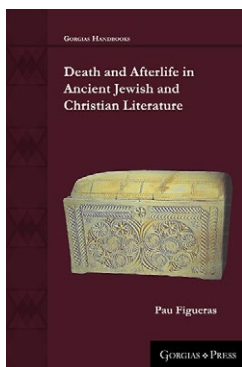
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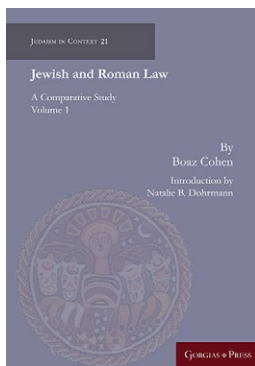
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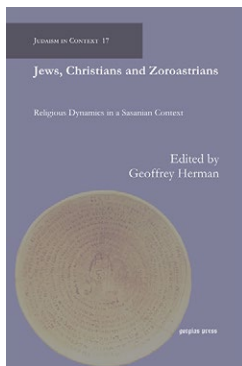
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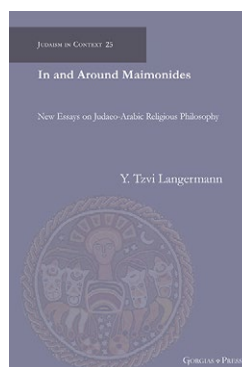
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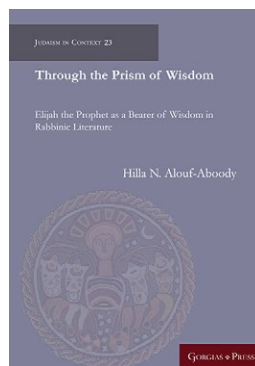
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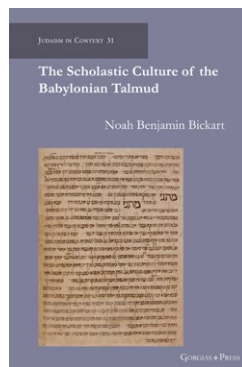
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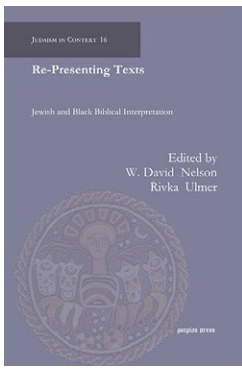


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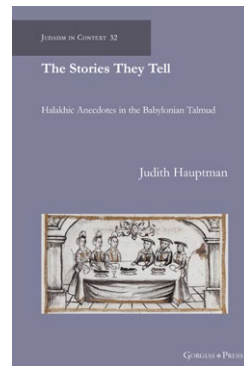
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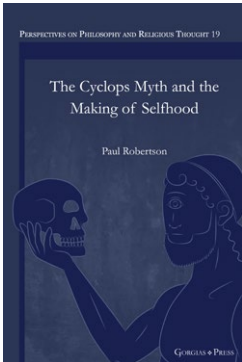
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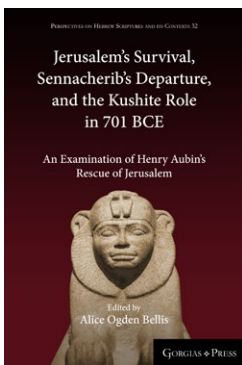
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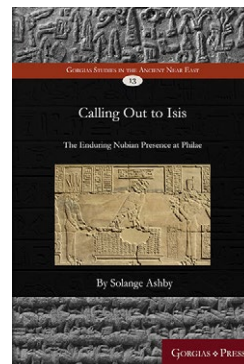
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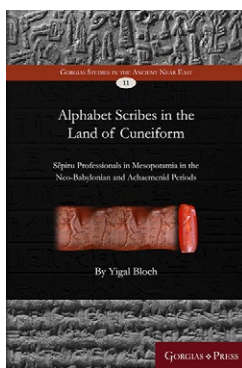
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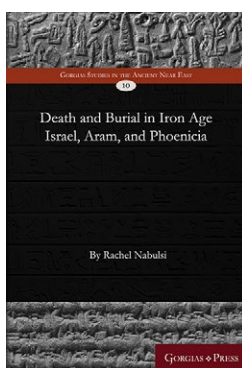
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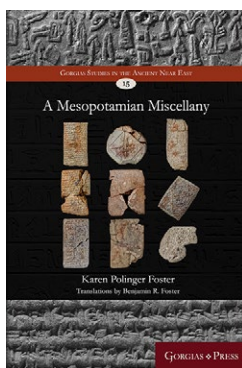


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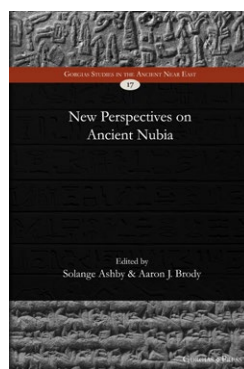
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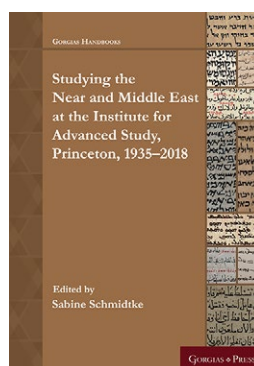


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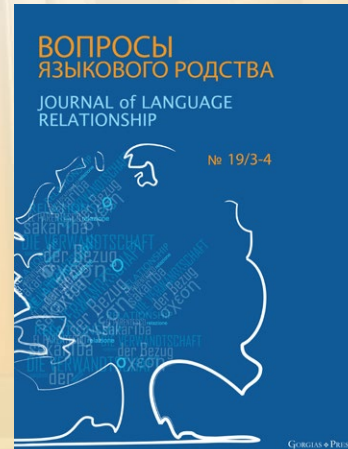
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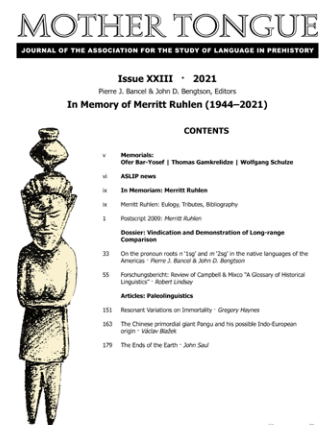
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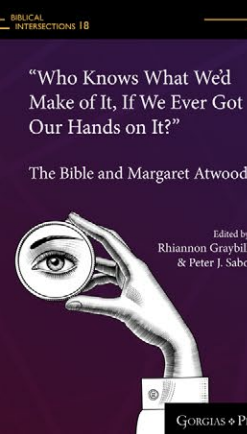


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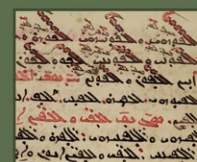
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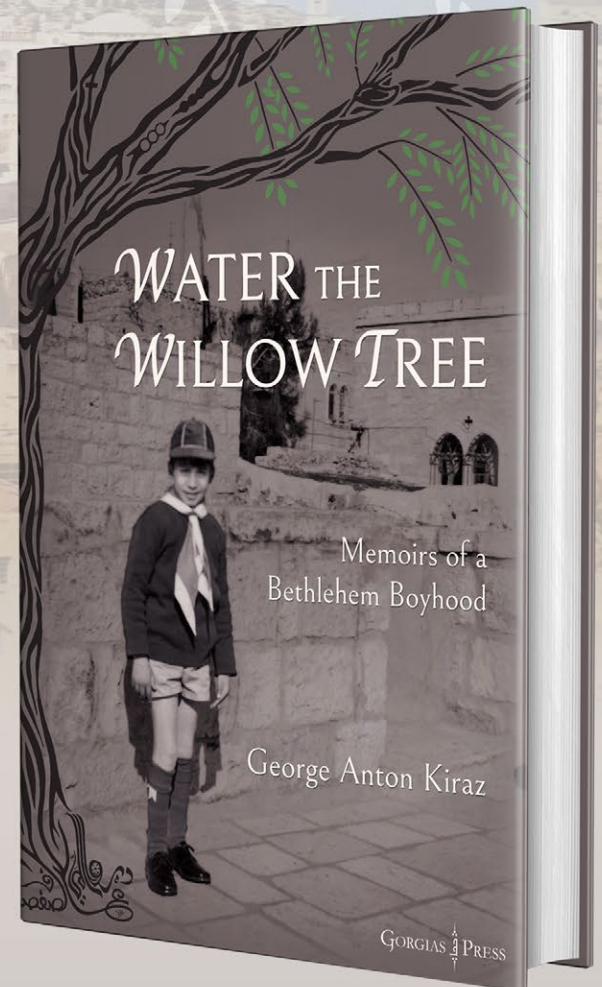
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George is known for his contributions to Syriac studies and to the preservation of the Syriac language and heritage. These tasks, though, are not just the sum of his professional CV; they are the story of his life, his ancestry, his family's survival. This memoir chronicles his lifelong investment in the Syriac world and the childhood experiences that would later shape so much of his later academic life.

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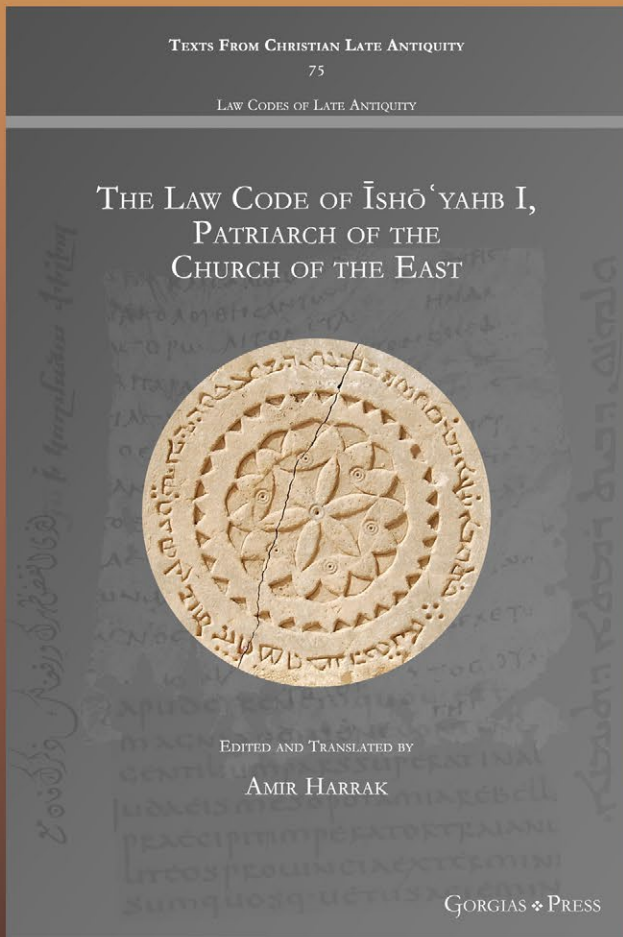
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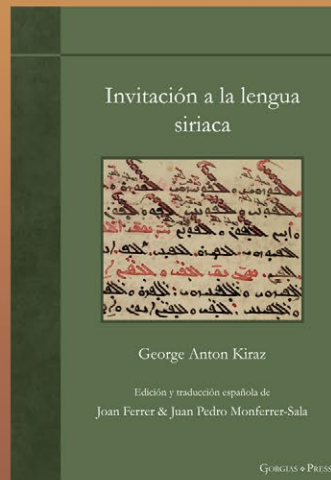
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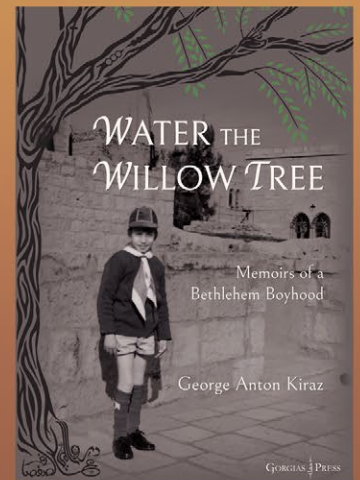
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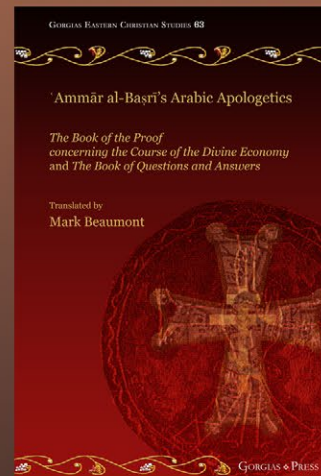
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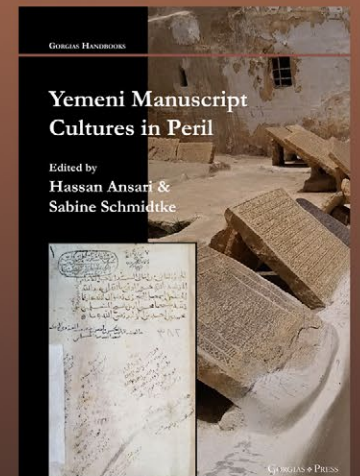
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