

Sacred Space in Early Modern Europe

The medieval landscape was marked by many sacred sites – churches and chapels, pilgrimage sites, holy wells – places where the spiritual and temporal worlds coincided. Although Max Weber argued that the Reformation brought about the 'disenchantment of the world', this volume explores the many dimensions of sacred space during and after the religious upheavals of the early modern period. The chapters examine the subject not only through a variety of contexts across Europe from Scotland to Moldavia, but also across the religious spectrum of the Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran and Calvinist Churches. Based on original research, these essays provide new insights into the definition and understanding of sanctity in the post-Reformation era and make an important contribution to the study of sacred space.

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Abbreviations

BL British Library

JEH Journal of Ecclesiastical History

P&P Past & Present

PRO Public Record Office

SCH Studies in Church History

SCJ Sixteenth Century Journal

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