

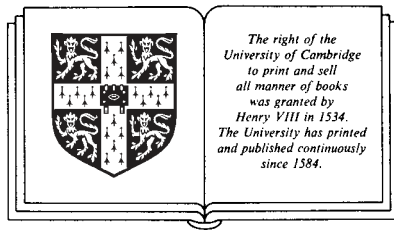
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## Abbreviations

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Please refer to the bibliography for full details of the books mentioned here.

### Fisher's works

- ALC* *Assertionis Lutheranae Confutatio* (*Confutatio* in text). Cited by article and folio
- CC* *Convulsio Calumniarum* (*Convulsio* in text)
- CSD* *Confutatio Secundae Disceptationis* (*Confutatio Secundae* in text)
- DCM* *De Causa Matrimonii* (*De Causa* in text)
- DRA* *Defensio Regiae Assertionis* (*Defensio* in text)
- DUM* *De Unica Madgalena*. Cited by book and page
- DVC* *De Veritate Corporis et Sanguinis Christi in Eucharistia* (*De Veritate* in text). Cited by book, chapter, and folio
- EM* *Eversio Munitionis quam Iodocus Clichtoveus erigere moliebatur* (*Eversio* in text)
- EW* *The English Works of John Fisher*, ed. J.E.B. Mayor
- OO* *Opera Omnia*. Cited by column
- SSD* *Sacri Sacerdotii Defensio* (in text)

### Others

- BL* British Library
- BRUC* *Biographical Register of the University of Cambridge*, ed. A.B. Emden
- BRUO* *Biographical Register of the University of Oxford*, ed. A.B. Emden
- CT* *Concilium Tridentinum*. Cited by volume, part and page
- CUL* Cambridge University Library
- CWE* Complete Works of Erasmus (Toronto edition)
- CWTM* Complete Works of Thomas More (Yale edition)
- EE* *Erasmi Epistolae*, ed. P.S. Allen. Cited by volume and letter number
- EETS* Early English Text Society
- HRR* *Humanism, Reform and Reformation: the career of Bishop John Fisher*, ed. B. Bradshaw and E. Duffy
- LP* *Letters and Papers Foreign and Domestic of the Reign of Henry VIII*. Cited

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

	by volume, part (where relevant) and document number
LXX	Septuagint
NT	New Testament
OT	Old Testament
PG	Migne's <i>Patrologia Graeca</i>
PL	Migne's <i>Patrologia Latina</i>
PRO	Public Record Office
SJC	Muniments of St John's College, Cambridge
SHCT	Studies in the History of Christian Thought
SMRT	Studies in Medieval and Reformation Thought
SP	State Papers (in the PRO)
STC	<i>Short-Title Catalogue . . . 1475–1640</i>
Vie	<i>Vie du Bienheureux Martyr Jean Fisher</i> , ed. F. van Ortroij
WA	<i>D. Martin Luthers Werke</i> ('Weimar Ausgabe').

## Conventions

All references to *ALC*, *CC*, *DRA*, *DUM*, *DVC* and *SSD* are given both for the first editions and (in brackets) for the edition of Fisher's *Opera Omnia*. References are given in the same way for Henry VIII's *Assertio Septem Sacramentorum*, which was included in Fisher's *Opera Omnia*. In citing manuscript and printed sources, conventional scribal or typographical abbreviations have been expanded, as a matter of course and without special remark, for the convenience of the reader. The letters 'u' and 'v', and 'i' and 'j', have been interchanged where appropriate for clarity. Conjectural readings and emendations are indicated by square brackets. References to early printed books are a notorious occasion of confusion and inaccuracy. As far as possible, such books are cited according to their original foliation or pagination, be it in Arabic or Roman numerals, lower or upper case. Unfoliated and unpaginated books are cited according to their sigillation. This is often erratic, so all numerals have been converted to Arabic for ease of reference, although letters have been left in their original upper or lower case. Sigillation numbers have been supplied where necessary.

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