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THE WORKS OF PHILO: EDITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The standard modern edition of Philo's works in English translation, which also includes a facing Greek text, is that of F.H. Colson, G.H. Whitaker, and R. Marcus. It appeared in the Loeb Classical Library in ten volumes and two supplementary volumes between 1929 and 1962. All contributors to this *Companion* acknowledge their debt to this translation. Some have employed it when citing Philo directly, on occasion with some alterations, while others have provided their own translations.

The standard critical edition of Philo's works in the original Greek is that of L. Cohn and P. Wendland, which appeared in six volumes between 1896 and 1915. A valuable set of indices constitutes volume VII, which was prepared by H. Leisegang and was published in two parts in 1926 and 1930. All major modern editions of Philo, including that of Colson and Whitaker, are based on this one. Among such editions, those in German and in French are especially important, and the French edition also contains a facing Greek text. These two editions, published in multiple volumes over long periods, often contain extensive and valuable annotations. Full details of the editions, which are cited in abbreviated form in this *Companion*, are as follows:

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| PCW | L. Cohn, P. Wendland, and S. Reiter (eds.), <i>Philonis Alexandrini Opera quae supersunt</i> , I–VII (Berlin 1896–1930) |
| PAPM | R. Arnaldez, J. Pouilloux, C. Mondésert et al. (eds.), <i>Les oeuvres de Philon d'Alexandrie</i> , 1–36 (Paris 1961–1992) |
| PCH | L. Cohn, I. Heinemann et al. (eds.), <i>Philo von Alexandria, Die Werke in deutscher Übersetzung</i> , I–VII (Breslau – Berlin 1909–1964) |
| PLCL | F.H. Colson, G.H. Whitaker, and R. Marcus (eds.), <i>Philo</i> , I–X, Supplements I–II (Cambridge, MA 1929–1962) |

There are also other important editions and commentaries of single works or groups of works. These are listed at the appropriate place in chapter 2.

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Philo's works are usually cited by their Latin titles, sometimes in short form; for example, *De congressu* is the short form for *De congressu eruditionis gratia* (= *On Mating with the Preliminary Studies*). There are also abbreviations for these Latin titles, which are often employed when specific references are given. The list of Philo's works, by alphabetical order of these abbreviations, is as follows:

<i>Abr.</i>	<i>De Abrahamo</i> (<i>On Abraham</i>)
<i>Aet.</i>	<i>De aeternitate mundi</i> (<i>On the Eternity of the World</i>)
<i>Agr.</i>	<i>De agricultura</i> (<i>On Husbandry</i>)
<i>Anim.</i>	<i>De animalibus</i> (<i>On Animals</i>)
<i>Cher.</i>	<i>De cherubim</i> (<i>On the Cherubim</i>)
<i>Conf.</i>	<i>De confusione linguarum</i> (<i>On the Confusion of Tongues</i>)
<i>Congr.</i>	<i>De congressu eruditionis gratia</i> (<i>On Mating with the Preliminary Studies</i>)
<i>Contempl.</i>	<i>De vita contemplativa</i> (<i>On the Contemplative Life</i>)
<i>Decal.</i>	<i>De decalogo</i> (<i>On the Decalogue</i>)
<i>Det.</i>	<i>Quod deterius potiori insidiari soleat</i> (<i>That the Worse Is Wont to Attack the Better</i>)
<i>Deus</i>	<i>Quod Deus sit immutabilis</i> (<i>On the Unchangeableness of God</i>)
<i>Ebr.</i>	<i>De ebrietate</i> (<i>On Drunkenness</i>)
<i>Flacc.</i>	<i>In Flaccum</i> (<i>Flaccus</i>)
<i>Fug.</i>	<i>De fuga et inventione</i> (<i>On Flight and Finding</i>)
<i>Gig.</i>	<i>De gigantibus</i> (<i>On the Giants</i>)
<i>Her.</i>	<i>Quis rerum divinarum heres sit</i> (<i>Who Is the Heir of Divine Things?</i>)
<i>Hypoth.</i>	<i>Hypothetica</i>
<i>Jos.</i>	<i>De Josepho</i> (<i>On Joseph</i>)
<i>Leg.</i>	<i>Legum allegoriae</i> (<i>The Allegories of the Laws</i>)
<i>Legat.</i>	<i>Legatio ad Gaium</i> (<i>Embassy to Gaius</i>)
<i>Migr.</i>	<i>De migratione Abrahami</i> (<i>On the Migration of Abraham</i>)
<i>Mos.</i>	<i>De vita Mosis</i> (<i>On the Life of Moses</i>)
<i>Mut.</i>	<i>De mutatione nominum</i> (<i>On the Change of Names</i>)
<i>Opif.</i>	<i>De opificio mundi</i> (<i>On the Creation</i>)
<i>Plant.</i>	<i>De plantatione</i> (<i>On Noah's Work as a Planter</i>)
<i>Post.</i>	<i>De posteritate Caini</i> (<i>On the Posterity of Cain and His Exile</i>)
<i>Praem.</i>	<i>De praemiis et poenis</i> (<i>On Rewards and Punishments</i>)
<i>Prob.</i>	<i>Quod omnis probus liber sit</i> (<i>Every Good Man Is Free</i>)
<i>Prov.</i>	<i>De providentia</i> (<i>On Providence</i>)
<i>QE</i>	<i>Quaestiones in Exodum</i> (<i>Questions on Exodus</i>)
<i>QG</i>	<i>Quaestiones in Genesim</i> (<i>Questions on Genesis</i>)

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<i>Sacr.</i>	<i>De sacrificiis Abelis et Caini (On the Sacrifices of Abel and Cain)</i>
<i>Sobr.</i>	<i>De sobrietate (On Sobriety)</i>
<i>Somn.</i>	<i>De somniis (On Dreams)</i>
<i>Spec.</i>	<i>De specialibus legibus (On the Special Laws)</i>
<i>Virt.</i>	<i>De virtutibus (On the Virtues)</i>

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OTHER ANCIENT SOURCES: EDITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The pseudepigraphic literature related to the Old Testament, including the *Letter of Aristeas*, as well as the fragments of the minor Judeo-Hellenistic authors, such as Aristobulus, are cited according to J.H. Charlesworth (ed.), *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha*, I–II (New York 1983–1985). Texts from Qumran and the *Damascus Document* are cited according to F. García Matinez and E.J.C. Tigchelaar (eds.), *The Dead Sea Scrolls Study Edition*, I–II (Leiden 1997–1998).

Books of the Bible are abbreviated as follows:

OLD TESTAMENT

Gen	Genesis
Exod	Exodus
Lev	Leviticus
Num	Numbers
Deut	Deuteronomy
Neh	Nehemiah
Ps/Pss	Psalms(s)
Prov	Proverbs
Isa	Isaiah
Jer	Jeremiah
Ezek	Ezekiel
Dan	Daniel
Zeph	Zephaniah

SEPTUAGINT (= LXX)

1–4 Macc	1–4 Maccabees
Sir	Sirach
Wis	Wisdom of Solomon

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NEW TESTAMENT

Matt	Matthew
Rom	Romans
1-2 Cor	1-2 Corinthians
Gal	Galatians
Eph	Ephesians
Phil	Philippians
Col	Colossians
1-2 Tim	1-2 Timothy
Heb	Hebrews
Jas	James
1-2 Pet	1-2 Peter

Abbreviations of other ancient sources, such as Old Testament Pseudepigrapha, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the works of Greek and Latin writers, and rabbinic texts, follow P.H. Alexander et al. (eds.), *The SBL Handbook of Style* (Peabody, MA 1999).

ABBREVIATIONS OF PERIODICALS,
 REFERENCE WORKS, AND SERIES

ANRW	<i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt</i>
CPJ	V.A. Tcherikover and A. Fuks (eds.), <i>Corpus Papyrorum Judaicarum</i> , I–III (Cambridge, MA 1957–1964)
GCS	Die griechischen christlichen Schriftsteller der ersten Jahrhunderte
GLAJJ	M. Stern (ed.), <i>Greek and Latin Authors on Jews and Judaism</i> , I–III (Jerusalem 1974–1984)
GRBS	<i>Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies</i>
HThR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
HUCA	<i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i>
JJS	<i>Journal of Jewish Studies</i>
JQR	<i>The Jewish Quarterly Review</i>
JSJ	<i>Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic and Roman Period</i>
JSNT	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>
JThS	<i>The Journal of Theological Studies</i>
NTS	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
PG	Patrologia Graeca
PRE	G. Wissowa et al. (eds.), <i>Paulys Realencyclopädie der klassischen Altertumswissenschaft</i>
PRSt	<i>Perspectives in Religious Studies</i>
SBLSP	<i>Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers</i>
SC	Sources chrétiennes
StPhAnn	<i>The Studia Philonica Annual</i>
StPhilo	<i>Studia Philonica</i>
SVF	H. von Arnim (ed.), <i>Stoicorum veterum fragmenta</i> , I–IV (Leipzig 1903–1924)
VC	<i>Vigiliae Christianae</i>

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