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The Intellectual World of Late Antique Christianity explores new perspectives on early Christian epistemology in relation to the changing discourses, institutions, and material culture of late antiquity. Early Christian modes of knowing and ordering knowledge involved complex processes of appropriation, reproduction, and reconfiguration of Jewish and classical epistemologies. This helped Christians develop cultures of interpretation and argument as textually oriented religious communities within the Roman Empire and beyond. It laid an intellectual foundation that would be built upon and modified in a variety of later contexts. Encompassing Greek, Latin, and Syriac Christianity, and an historical arc that stretches from the New Testament to Bede, this volume traces how diverse theological commitments resulted in distinctive Christian accounts of knowing. It foregrounds the myriad ways in which early Christian epistemology was embedded in earlier intellectual traditions and forms of life, and how they established norms for communal life and powerful ways of acting in the world.

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Abbreviations

ACO	<i>Acta conciliorum oecumenicorum</i>
ACT	Ancient Christian Texts
ACW	Ancient Christian Writers
Aev	<i>Aevum: Rassegna de scienze, storiche, linguistiche, e filologiche</i>
AfR	<i>Archiv für Religionsgeschichte</i>
AJP	<i>American Journal of Philology</i>
AKGWG.PHK	Abhandlungen der Königlichen Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen. Philologisch-Historische Klasse
AnBoll	<i>Analecta Bollandiana</i>
ANF	Ante-Nicene Fathers
ANRW	<i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt: Geschichte und Kultur Roms im Spiegel der neueren Forschung</i>
ASE	<i>Annali di Storia dell'Esegesi</i>
Aug	<i>Augustinianum</i>
AugStud	<i>Augustinian Studies</i>
BAug	Bibliothèque augustiniennne
BBR	<i>Bulletin for Biblical Research</i>
BHT	Beiträge zur historischen Theologie
BL	British Library
BLE	<i>Bulletin de littérature ecclésiastique</i>
BSGRT	Bibliotheca Scriptorum Graecorum et Romanorum Teubneriana
Budé	Collection des universités de France, publiée sous le patronage de l'Association Guillaume Budé
ByzZ	<i>Byzantinische Zeitschrift</i>
BZ	<i>Biblische Zeitschrift</i>
CAG	Commentaria in Aristotelem Graeca
CCCM	Corpus Christianorum Continuatio Mediaevalis
CCSG	<i>Corpus Christianorum: Series Graeca</i>
CCSL	<i>Corpus Christianorum: Series Latina</i>

CGL	Coptic Gnostic Library
CH	<i>Church History</i>
CIL	Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum
ClAnt	<i>Classical Antiquity</i>
CMG	Corpus Medicorum Graecorum
CNS	<i>Cristianesimo nella storia</i>
CP	<i>Classical Philology</i>
CPG	<i>Clavis Patrum Graecorum</i> , ed. M. Geerard. 5 vols. Turnhout (1974–87)
CQ	<i>Classical Quarterly</i>
CSCO	Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium
CSEL	Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum
CSS	Cistercian Studies Series
DOP	<i>Dumbarton Oaks Papers</i>
DRev	<i>Downside Review</i>
EC	<i>Early Christianity</i>
EIr	<i>Encyclopaedia Iranica</i> , ed. E. Yarshater. London (1982–)
ETL	<i>Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses</i>
FC	Fathers of the Church
FMSt	<i>Frühmittelalterliche Studien</i>
GCS	Die griechischen christlichen Schriftsteller der ersten [drei] Jahrhunderte
GEDSH	<i>The Gorgias Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Syriac Heritage.</i> , ed. Sebastian P. Brock, Aaron M. Butts, George A. Kiraz, and Lucas van Rompay. Piscataway, NJ, 2011.
GNO	Gregorii Nysseni Opera
GR	<i>Greece and Rome</i>
GRBS	<i>Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies</i>
HBT	<i>Horizons in Biblical Theology</i>
Herm	<i>Hermathena</i>
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
Hug	<i>Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies</i>
ICG	<i>Inscriptiones Christianae Graecae</i>
IJST	<i>International Journal of Systematic Theology</i>
ITQ	<i>Irish Theological Quarterly</i>
JAJ	<i>Journal of Ancient Judaism</i>
JbAC	<i>Jahrbuch für Antike und Christentum</i>
JBRec	<i>Journal of the Bible and Its Reception</i>
JCSCS	<i>Journal of the Canadian Society for Coptic Studies</i>

JCSSS	<i>Journal of the Canadian Society for Syriac Studies</i>
JECH	<i>Journal of Early Christian History</i>
JECS	<i>Journal of Early Christian Studies</i>
JEH	<i>Journal of Ecclesiastical History</i>
JHS	<i>Journal of Hellenic Studies</i>
JLA	<i>Journal of Late Antiquity</i>
JLARC	<i>Journal for Late Antique Religion and Culture</i>
JML	<i>Journal of Medieval Latin</i>
JÖB	<i>Jahrbuch der österreichischen Byzantinistik</i>
JQR	<i>Jewish Quarterly Review</i>
JRS	<i>Journal of Roman Studies</i>
JTI	<i>Journal of Theological Interpretation</i>
JTS	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
KlPauly	<i>Der kleine Pauly</i>
LCL	Loeb Classical Library
LTK	<i>Lexikon für Theologie und Kirche</i>
LTP	<i>Laval théologique et philosophique</i>
MGH	Monumenta Germaniae Historica
MH	<i>Museum Helveticum</i>
MS	<i>Mediaeval Studies</i>
MTZ	<i>Münchener theologische Zeitschrift</i>
Mus	<i>Muséon: Revue d'études orientales</i>
NAWG	<i>Nachrichten (von) der Akademie der Wissenschaften in Göttingen</i>
NBA	Nuova Biblioteca Agostiniana
NPNF ²	Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers, Second Series
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version
NTS	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
OCA	Orientalia Christiana Analecta
OCP	<i>Orientalia Christiana Periodica</i>
OCT	Oxford Classical Texts / Scriptorum Classicorum Bibliotheca Oxoniensis
OECS	Oxford Early Christian Studies
OECT	Oxford Early Christian Texts
OLP	<i>Orientalia Lovaniensia Periodica</i>
OrChrAn	Orientalia Christiana Analecta
OrSyr	<i>L'Orient syrien</i>
OW	Origenes: Werke mit deutscher Übersetzung
P&P	<i>Past & Present</i>
ParOr	<i>Parole de l'orient</i>

PG	<i>Patrologia Graeca</i> , ed. J.-P. Migne. Paris (1857–86)
PGL	<i>Patristic Greek Lexicon</i> , ed. G. W. H. Lampe. Cambridge (1969)
PhA	<i>Philosophia Antiqua</i>
PL	<i>Patrologia Latina</i> , ed. J.-P. Migne. Paris (1844–64)
PO	<i>Patrologia Orientalis</i>
PTS	<i>Patristische Texte und Studien</i>
PW	<i>Paulys Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft</i> , ed. G. Wissowa and W. Kroll. Stuttgart (1894–1980)
RA	<i>Recherches augustinienes et patristiques</i>
RAC	<i>Reallexikon für Antike und Christentum</i> , ed. T. Klauser et al. Stuttgart (1950–)
RB	<i>Revue biblique</i>
RBén	<i>Revue bénédictine</i>
REAug	<i>Revue des études augustinienes</i>
RevPhil	<i>Revue de philologie</i>
RPP	<i>Religion Past and Present: Encyclopedia of Theology and Religion</i> , ed. H. D. Betz. Leiden (2007–13)
RRE	<i>Religion in the Roman Empire</i>
RSPT	<i>Revue des sciences philosophiques et théologiques</i>
RSR	<i>Recherches de science religieuse</i>
SA	<i>Studia Anselmiana</i>
SAPERE	<i>Scripta Antiquitatis Posterioris ad Ethicam Religionemque pertinentia</i>
SC	<i>Sources chrétiennes</i>
SCH	<i>Studies in Church History</i>
SEG	<i>Supplementum epigraphicum Graecum</i> (1923–)
SGLG	<i>Sammlung griechischer und lateinischer Grammatike</i>
SLA	<i>Studies in Late Antiquity</i>
SMSR	<i>Studi e materiali di storia delle religioni</i>
SO	<i>Symbolae Osloenses</i>
Spec	<i>Speculum</i>
SPhiloA	<i>Studia Philonica Annual</i>
StPatr	<i>Studia Patristica</i>
SVF	<i>Stoicorum Veterum Fragmenta</i> , H. von Arnim. Leipzig (1903–05)
SVTQ	<i>St Vladimir's Theological Quarterly</i>
TAPA	<i>Transactions of the American Philological Association</i>
TJT	<i>Toronto Journal of Theology</i>
TLG	<i>Thesaurus Linguae Graecae</i>
TLZ	<i>Theologische Literaturzeitung</i>
TP	<i>Theologie und Philosophie</i>

TRE	<i>Theologische Realenzyklopädie</i> , ed. G. Krause and G. Müller. Berlin (1977–)
TSK	<i>Theologische Studien und Kritiken</i>
TTH	Translated Texts for Historians
TU	Texte und Untersuchungen
USQR	<i>Union Seminary Quarterly Review</i>
VC	<i>Vigiliae Christianae</i>
WGRW	Writings from the Greco-Roman World
WSA	Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century
YCS	<i>Yale Classical Studies</i>
ZAC	<i>Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum</i>
ZKG	<i>Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte</i>
ZKunstG	<i>Zeitschrift für Kunstgeschichte</i>
ZNW	<i>Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>