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Abbreviations of Ancient Sources

Aeschylus

Aga.

Eum.

Ambrose of Milan (Ambr.)

De incar. domin. sacr.

De virg.

Expos. Psalm.

Hex.

In Psal.

Luc.

AP

Ap. Rhod.

Aristotle

De cael.

Phys.

Athanasius

Apol. contra Arian.

De Synod.

De Virg

Agamemnon

Eumenides

De incarnationis Dominicae sacramento
 (On the Sacrament of the Incarnation of
 the Lord)

De virginitate (On Virginitate)

Expositio Psalmi cxviii (Commentary on
 Psalm 118)

Hexaemeron

In Psalmos (On the Psalms)

Expositio evangelii secundum Lucam
 (Commentary on the Gospel according
 to Luke)

Anthologia Palatina (Palatine Anthology)

Apollonius Rhodius, *Argonautica*

De caelo (On the Heavens)

Physics

Apologia contra Arianos (Defence against
 the Arians)

De synodis (On the Synods)

De Virginitate (On Virginitate)

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Augustine of Hippo (Aug.)

Civ. Dei

De civitate Dei (On the City of God)

Con.

Confessions

De doct. christ.

De doctrina Christiana (On the Christian Doctrine)

De Gen. contra Manichaeos

De Genesi contra Manichaeos (Against the Manichaeans on Genesis)

De ver. relig.

De vera religione (On the True Religion)

Enarr. in Ps.

Enarrationes in Psalmos (Explanations of the Psalms)

In Evan. Joh. Tract.

In Evangelium Joannis Tractatus (Commentary on the Gospel of John)

Serm.

Sermones (Sermons)

Basil of Caesarea

Ep.

Epistles

Cassian

Inst.

Institutes

Cassiodorus

De an.

De anima (On the Soul)

Clement of Alexandria (Clem.)

Misc.

Miscellanea

Paed.

Paedagogus (The Tutor)

Strom.

Stromateis

Cor.

Corinthians

Cyprian (Cypr.)

Ep.

Epistles

Laps.

De lapsis (On the Fallen)

Cyril of Alexandria

Comm. ad Ioh.

Commentary on John's Gospel

Contra Jul.

Contra Julianum (Against Julian)

De ador.

De adoratione (On the Adoration)

Expos. in Psal.

Expositio in Psalmos (Commentary on the Psalms)

Glaphyr. in Pent.

Glaphyra in Pentateuchum (Elegant Comments on the Pentateuch)

In Joh.

In Johannum (Commentary on John)

In xii prophet.

In xii prophetos (On the Twelve Prophets)

Dan.

Daniel

Deut.

Deuteronomy

Dio (of Prusa/Chrysostom)	
<i>Or.</i>	<i>Orationes</i> (Speeches)
Dio. Sic.	Diodorus Siculus
DL	Diogenes Laertius
Epict.	Epictetus
Epiphanius	
<i>De mens. et pond.</i>	<i>De mensuris et ponderibus</i> (On Weights and Measures)
Eun.	Eunapius
Euripides (Eur.)	
<i>Heracl.</i>	<i>Heracleidae</i> (Daughters of Heracles)
<i>Or.</i>	<i>Orestes</i>
Eusebius (Eus.)	
<i>Hist. Eccl.</i>	<i>Historia Ecclesiastica</i> (History of the Church)
<i>Praep. Evang.</i>	<i>Praeparatio Evangelica</i> (Preparation for the Gospel)
Ex.	Exodus
Galen	
<i>Libr. Ord.</i>	<i>De ordine librorum suorum</i> (On the Order of His Books)
Gen.	Genesis
Gregory of Nazianzus	
<i>Apor.</i>	<i>Aporrhēta</i> (Ineffable Matters)
<i>Carm.</i>	<i>Carmina</i> (Poems)
<i>Ep.</i>	<i>Epistles</i>
<i>Or.</i>	<i>Orationes</i> (Speeches)
<i>Poem. Arcan.</i>	<i>Poemata Arcana</i> (Poems on the Mysteries)
Gregory of Nyssa (Greg. Nyss.)	
<i>Cant.</i>	<i>Cantus</i> (Hymns)
<i>Contra Eun.</i>	<i>Contra Eunomium</i> (Against Eunomios)
<i>Trid. Spat.</i>	<i>De tridui inter mortem et resurrectionem domini nostri Iesu spatio</i> (On the Three-Day Space between the Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus)
<i>Vita Mos.</i>	<i>Vita Mosis</i> (Life of Moses)
HA	<i>Historia Augusta</i>
Her.	Herodotus

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Hesiod	
<i>Theog.</i>	<i>Theogony</i>
<i>W&D</i>	<i>Works and Days</i>
Homer (Hom.)	
<i>Il.</i>	<i>Iliad</i>
<i>Od.</i>	<i>Odyssey</i>
Irenaeus	
<i>Adv. her.</i>	<i>Adversus hereses</i> (Heresies)
Isocrates	
<i>Phil.</i>	<i>Philip</i>
Jerome (Jer.)	
<i>Adv. Ruf.</i>	<i>Adversus Rufinum</i> (Against Rufinus)
<i>Ep.</i>	<i>Epistles</i>
<i>Praef. In Pent.</i>	<i>Praefatio In Pentateuchum</i> (Preface to the Translation of the Pentateuch)
Josephus	
<i>AJ</i>	<i>Antiquitates Judaicae</i> (Jewish Antiquities)
<i>Vit.</i>	<i>Vita</i> (Life)
Lactantius (Lact.)	
<i>Inst.</i>	<i>Institutes</i>
Longinus	
<i>De sub.</i>	<i>De sublimitate</i> (On the Sublime)
Lucian	
<i>Ver. Hist.</i>	<i>Vera Historia</i> (True History)
Macrobius	
<i>Sat.</i>	<i>Saturnalia</i>
Man.	<i>Manilius</i>
Marinus	
<i>Vit. Procl.</i>	<i>Vita Procli</i> (Life of Proclus)
Martin	
<i>Dial.</i>	<i>Dialogus</i>
<i>Mat.</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
Nonnus	
<i>Dion.</i>	<i>Dionysiaca</i>
<i>Par.</i>	<i>Paraphrase</i>
Num.	<i>Numbers</i>

Origen (Orig.)	
<i>Cels.</i>	<i>Contra Celsum</i> (Against Celsus)
<i>Jo.</i>	<i>Homily on John</i>
Orosius	
<i>Hist.</i>	<i>Historiae</i> (Histories)
Ovid	
<i>Met.</i>	<i>Metamorphoses</i>
Paulinus	
<i>Ep.</i>	<i>Epistles</i>
<i>Vit. Ambr.</i>	<i>Vita Ambrosii</i> (Life of Ambrose)
Paus.	Pausanias
PG	Patrologia Graeca
Phil.	Philippians
Philo	
<i>De somn.</i>	<i>De somniis</i> (On Dreams)
<i>De vit. contemp.</i>	<i>De vita contemplativa</i> (On the Contemplative Life)
<i>Opif.</i>	<i>De opificio mundi</i> (On the Creation of the World)
<i>Vit. Mos.</i>	<i>Vita Mosis</i> (On the Life of Moses)
Plato	
<i>Prot.</i>	<i>Protagoras</i>
<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Republic</i>
<i>Theaet.</i>	<i>Theaetetus</i>
<i>Tim.</i>	<i>Timaeus</i>
Pliny the Elder	
<i>NH</i>	<i>Naturalis Historia</i> (Natural History)
Pliny the Younger	
<i>Ep.</i>	<i>Epistles</i>
Plutarch	
<i>De E</i>	On the E at Delphi
<i>De facie in orbe lunae</i>	On the Face of the Moon
<i>Praef. Chron. Eus.</i>	<i>Praefatio, Chronicon Eusebii</i> (Preface to the Chronicon of Eusebius)
Prudentius (Prud.)	
<i>Apoth.</i>	<i>Apotheosis</i>
<i>Cath.</i>	<i>Cathemerinon</i> (Hymns for the Day)

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<i>Ditto.</i>	<i>Dittochaeon</i> (Double Shepherd's Staff)
<i>Ham.</i>	<i>Hamartigenia</i> (The Origin of Sin)
<i>In Sym.</i>	<i>In Symmachum</i> (Against Symmachus)
<i>Perist.</i>	<i>Peristephanon</i> (Crowns of the Martyrs)
<i>Psych.</i>	<i>Psychomachia</i>
Ps.	Psalms
Ps-Apoll. <i>Met. Psalm.</i>	Ps-Apollinaris, <i>Metaphrasis Psalmorum</i>
Quintilian	
<i>Inst. Or.</i>	<i>Institutio Oratoria</i> (The Orator's Education)
Rom.	Romans
Rufinus	
<i>HE</i>	<i>Historia Ecclesiastica</i> (History of the Church)
Sallust	
<i>Bellum Jug.</i>	<i>Bellum Jugurthinum</i> (Jugurthine War)
<i>Cat.</i>	<i>Catilina</i>
Seneca the Younger	
<i>Ep.</i>	<i>Epistles</i>
Socrates	
<i>Hist. Eccl.</i>	<i>Historia Ecclesiastica</i> (History of the Church)
Sophocles (Soph.)	
<i>OC</i>	<i>Oedipus Coloneus</i> (Oedipus at Colonus)
<i>OT</i>	<i>Oedipus Tyrannus</i> (Oedipus the King)
<i>Phil.</i>	<i>Philoctetes</i>
Sozomen	
<i>HE</i>	<i>Historia Ecclesiastica</i> (History of the Church)
Sulpicius Severus (Sulp. Sev.)	
<i>Chro.</i>	<i>Chronicle</i>
<i>Ep.</i>	<i>Epistles</i>
<i>VM</i>	<i>Vita Martini</i> (Life of Martin)
Tacitus	
<i>Ann.</i>	<i>Annals</i>
Tertullian (Tert.)	
<i>Adv. Marc.</i>	<i>Adversus Marcionem</i> (Against Marcion)
<i>Apol.</i>	<i>Apologia</i>

<i>De cor.</i>	<i>De corona militis</i> (On the Soldier's Crown)
<i>De spect.</i>	<i>De spectaculis</i> (On the Shows)
Thess.	Thessalonians
Varro	
<i>Ling.</i>	<i>De lingua latina</i> (On the Latin Language)