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diarmaid macculloch's epic acclaimed history a history of christianity the first three thousand years follows the story of christianity around the globe from ancient palestine to contemporary china how did an obscure personality cult come to be the world's biggest religion with a third of humanity its followers this book now the most comprehensive and up to date single volume work in english describes not only the main facts ideas and personalities of christian history its organization and spirituality but how it has changed politics sex and human society taking in wars empires reformers apostles sects churches and crusaders diarmaid macculloch shows how christianity has brought humanity to the most terrible acts of cruelty and inspired its most sublime accomplishments a stunning tour de force simon Sebag Montefiore Sunday Telegraph Books of the Year a landmark in its field astonishing in its range compulsively readable full of insight it will have few if any rivals in the english language rowan williams archbishop of canterbury guardian a prodigious thrilling masterclass of a history book john cornwell financial times essential reading for those enthralled by christianity and for those enraged by it melvyn bragg Observer Books of the Year magnificent a sumptuous portrait alive with detail and

generous in judgement richard holloway the times diarmaid macculloch is professor of the history of the church at oxford university his thomas cranmer won the whitbread biography prize the james tait black prize and the duff cooper prize he is the author most recently of reformation europe s house divided 1490 1700 which won the wolfson prize for history and the british academy prize

the new york times bestseller and definitive history of christianity for our time from the award winning author of the reformation and silence a product of electrifying scholarship conveyed with commanding skill diarmaid macculloch s christianity goes back to the origins of the hebrew bible and encompasses the globe it captures the major turning points in catholic protestant and orthodox history and fills in often neglected accounts of conversion and confrontation in africa latin america and asia macculloch introduces us to monks and crusaders heretics and reformers popes and abolitionists and discover christianity s essential role in shaping human history and the intimate lives of men and women and he uncovers the roots of the faith that galvanized america charting the surprising beliefs of the founding fathers the rise of the evangelical movement and of pentecostalism and the recent crises within the catholic church bursting with original insights and a great pleasure to read this monumental religious history will not soon be surpassed

diarmaid macculloch acknowledged master of the big picture in christian history unravels a polyphony of silences from the history of christianity and beyond he considers the surprisingly mixed attitudes of judaism to silence jewish and christian borrowings from greek explorations of the divine and the silences which were a feature of jesus s brief ministry and witness besides prayer and mystical contemplation there are shame and evasion careless and purposeful forgetting many deliberate silences are revealed the forgetting of histories which were not useful to later church authorities such as the leadership roles of women among the first christians or the constant problems which christianity has faced in dealing honestly with sexuality behind all this is the silence of god and in a deeply personal final chapter macculloch brings a message of optimism for those who still seek god beyond the clamorous noise of over confident certainties

first published in 1987 the groundwork of christian history has been a primer for theological college students undergraduates lay readers and all interested in the history and development of christian history now published in a new and attractive edition with an updated bibliography the author still manages to argue his case convincingly that history need not be boring he takes his readers from the earliest days of the fledgling christian church to the end of the twentieth century and enables readers to put characters movements and places in their wider context and make connections between them diarmaid macculloch is professor of the history of the church at the university of oxford

the reformation and counter reformation represented the greatest upheaval in western society since the collapse of the roman empire a millennium before the consequences of those shattering events are still felt today from the stark divisions between and within catholic and protestant countries to the protestant ideology that governs america the world s only remaining superpower in this masterful history diarmaid macculloch conveys the drama complexity and continuing relevance of these events he offers vivid portraits of the most

significant individuals luther calvin zwingli loyola henry viii and a number of popes but also conveys why their ideas were so powerful and how the reformation affected everyday lives the result is a landmark book that will be the standard work on the reformation for years to come the narrative verve of the reformation as well as its provocative analysis of american culture s debt to the period will ensure the book s wide appeal among history readers

examines the pursuit of orthodoxy and its consequences for the history of christianity christianity is a hugely diverse and quarrelsome family of faiths but most christians have nevertheless set great store by orthodoxy literally right opinion even if they cannot agree what that orthodoxy should be the notion that there is a catholic or universal christian faith that which according to the famous fifth century formula has been believed everywhere at all times and by all people is itself an act of faith to reconcile it with the historical fact of persistent division and plurality requires a constant effort it also requires a variety of strategies from confrontation and exclusion through deliberate choices as to what is forgotten or ignored to creative or even indulgent inclusion in this volume seventeen leading historians of christianity ask how the ideal of unity has clashed negotiated reconciled or coexisted with the historical reality of diversity in a range of historical settings from the early church through the reformation era to the twentieth and twenty first centuries these essays hold the huge variety of the christian experience together with the ideal of orthodoxy which christians have never yet fully attained but for which they have always striven and they trace some of the consequences of the pursuit of that ideal for the history of christianity

a richly entertaining history of the ways in which for 3 000 years the church has tied itself in knots over sex and love and marriage fabulous observer the bible observes that god made humanity for a while a little lower than the angels if humans are that close to angels does the difference lie in human sexuality and what we do with it in a single lifetime christianity or historically christian societies have witnessed one of the most extraordinary about turns in attitudes to sex and gender in human history bringing liberation for some and fury and fear for others this book by oxford s emeritus professor of the history of the church seeks to calm fears and encourage understanding by telling the 3000 year long tale of christians encountering sex gender and the family with noises off from their sacred texts it beckons us to pay attention to the sheer glorious complexity and contradictions in the history of christianity an epic of ordinary and extraordinary christians trying to make sense of themselves and of humanity s deepest desires fears and hopes

the most profound characteristic of western europe in the middle ages was its cultural and religious unity a unity secured by a common alignment with the pope in rome and a common language latin for worship and scholarship the reformation shattered that unity and the consequences are still with us today in all things made new diarmaid macculloch author of the new york times bestseller christianity the first three thousand years examines not only the reformation s impact across europe but also the catholic counter reformation and the special evolution of religion in england revealing how one of the most turbulent bloody and transformational events in western history has shaped modern society the reformation may have launched a social revolution macculloch argues but it was not caused by social and economic forces or even by a secular idea like

nationalism it sprang from a big idea about death salvation and the afterlife this idea that salvation was entirely in god s hands and there was nothing humans could do to alter his decision ended the catholic church s monopoly in europe and altered the trajectory of the entire future of the west by turns passionate funny meditative and subversive all things made new takes readers onto fascinating new ground exploring the original conflicts of the reformation and cutting through prejudices that continue to distort popular conceptions of a religious divide still with us after five centuries this monumental work from one of the most distinguished scholars of christianity writing today explores the ways in which historians have told the tale of the reformation why their interpretations have changed so dramatically over time and ultimately how the contested legacy of this revolution continues to impact the world today

a fascinating history of the growth in monastic and papal power that preceded the crusades excerpted from diarmaid macculloch s award winning new york times bestseller christianity the first three thousand years a product of electrifying scholarship conveyed with commanding skill diarmaid macculloch s christianity the first three thousand years stretches from the greek platonists and the origins of the hebrew bible to the present and encompasses the globe in this excerpt macculloch chronicles the rise of monasteries like the great cluny abbey which formed orders that reached across secular kingdoms enjoying exclusive papal privileges and encouraging their followers to make pilgrimages among towering cathedrals and far flung shrines meanwhile the introduction of the tithe expanding control over marriage and a new emphasis on purgatory brought penitent parishioners even closer to the church and dependent on ministry by the time pope urban ii launched the first crusade the practice of indulgences had made possible his grant that all who died in a state of repentance and confession while fighting would gain immediate entry into heaven holy war spawned whole new orders most famously the knights templar and the knights hospitaller as soldiers from across europe joined the campaigns of conquest toward jerusalem the many causes and consequences of these clashes between christianity and islam are captured here in illuminating detail with elegance and wit diarmaid macculloch s latest book silence a christian history is available from viking

a brilliant kaleidoscope on the reformation from its leading scholar and one of the best historians writing in english today sunday telegraph the reformation which engulfed england and europe in the sixteenth century was one of the most highly charged bloody and transformative periods in their history ever since it has remained one of the most contested diarmaid macculloch is one of the leading british historians of this turbulent and endlessly fascinating era many essays in this volume expand upon his now classic reformation europe s house divided tracing for example the evolution of the english prayer book and bible or reassessing the impact of the reformation on catholicism henry viii and his archbishop thomas cranmer are both central presences and macculloch swiftly dispatches some of the received wisdom about them throughout the book he brilliantly undermines one persistent english tradition of interpreting the reformation that it never really happened and establishes that anglicanism was really a product of charles ii s restoration in 1660 rather than the elizabethan settlement of 1559 the inexhaustible variety of the reformation is seen in a delightful mix of writings on angels protestant opinions about the virgin mary and such diverse personalities as william byrd john calvin and the extraordinary seventeenth century forger robert ware some of whose malicious fantasies

have polluted parts of reformation history ever since all things made new shows diarmaid macculloch at his best learned far seeing sometimes subversive and often witty at the end of his essay on the great elizabethan divine richard hooker he writes the disputes which currently wrack western christianity are superficially about sexuality social conduct or leadership style at root they are about what constitutes authority for christians the contest for the soul of the church in the west rages around the question as to how a scripture claiming divine revelation relates to those other perennial sources of human revelation personal and collective consciousness and memory whether indeed there can be any relationship between the two there is much wisdom as well as much enjoyment in this book

the reformation was the seismic event in european history over the past 1000 years and one which tore the medieval world apart not just european religion but thought culture society state systems personal relations everything was turned upside down just about everything which followed in european history can be traced back in some way to the reformation and the counter reformation which it provoked the reformation is where the modern world painfully and dramatically began and macculloch s great history of it is recognised as the best modern account

an introduction to ministry is a comprehensive and ecumenical introduction to the craft of ministry for ministers pastors and priests that make up the mainline denominations in the united states ecumenically focused it offers a grounded account of ministry covering areas such as vocation congregational leadership and cultivation of skills for an effective ministry covers the key components of the m div curriculum offering a map and guide to the central skills and issues in training explores the areas of vocation skills for ministry and issues around congregational leadership each topic ends with an annotated bibliography providing an indispensable gateway to further study helps students understand both the distinctive approach of their denomination and the relationship of that approach to other mainline denominations advocates and defends a generous understanding of the christian tradition in its openness and commitment to broad conversation

the ultimate guide to the world s most influential faith christianity summarized a complete guide to the history beliefs and practices of the christian faith is your one stop resource for discovering christian history and understanding the core teachings that have shaped civilizations whether you are new to religion or seeking deeper insights this comprehensive yet accessible book delves into the life of jesus the birth of the early church and pivotal events like the great schism and the reformation revealing how church history spans empires and continents inside you will explore critical doctrines from the significance of the trinity and salvation to how moral guidelines influence modern christian faith you will gain clarity on the bible s structure and interpretation see how different denominations evolved and grasp the ongoing dialogue between christian theology and contemporary issues like science politics and interfaith relations each chapter offers concise explanations that empower you to deepen your spiritual growth and refine your personal perspectives on religious studies engaging and enlightening christianity summarized weaves together historical narratives with key theological themes making it perfect for bible study groups biblical interpretation enthusiasts or anyone seeking an introduction to christianity that is both scholarly and easy to read discover how pivotal figures

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an introduction to the study of the ways the church has evolved in its corporate life since its birth in the first century special attention is given to studying its changing relationship and interaction with the surrounding societies in which it has existed the intended readership will be those training for ministry in english speaking churches so the studyguide will concentrate on those aspects of this subject of most relevance to this group this means there will be greater attention to developments in the west than in the east especially in later centuries and to topics such as the nature of ministry the sacraments places of worship authority in the church and mission these will be examined at each period of church history in each chapter to provide reference points of comparison throughout the book each chapter will also contain a specific case study presenting extracts of some key documents with notes commentary and questions for discussion to allow readers to develop skills in historical research general discussion questions and reading lists will be provided at the end of each chapter the final chapter will provide guidance for the study of the history of the student's own church and community

were mid tudor evangelicals roaring lions or meek lambs did they struggle with a minority complex or were they comfortable with their position of political ascendancy under edward vi how did their theological blueprint of the true church fit their temporal realities by relocating the book of common prayer at the centre of the english reformation stephen tong gives new significance to two underacknowledged drivers of reform ecclesiology and liturgy edwardian reformers caused a sensation in england by engaging with these questions which spilled over into ireland and continued to cast a shadow over subsequent generations of the english protestants

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