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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

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

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

the long awaited biography of the genius who masterminded henry viii's bloody revolution in the english government which reveals at last cromwell's role in the downfall of anne boleyn this a book that and it's not often you can say this we have been awaiting for four hundred years hilary mantel author of wolf hall since the sixteenth century we have been fascinated by henry viii and the man who stood beside him guiding him enriching him and enduring the king's insatiable appetites and violent outbursts until henry ordered his beheading in july 1540 after a decade of sleuthing in the royal archives diarmaid macculloch has emerged with a tantalizing new understanding of henry's mercurial chief minister the inscrutable and utterly compelling thomas cromwell history has not been kind to the son of a putney brewer who became the architect of england's split with rome where past biographies portrayed him as a scheming operator with blood on his hands hilary mantel reimagined him as a far more sympathetic figure buffered by the whims of his master so which was he the villain of history or the victim of her creation macculloch sifted through letters and court records for answers and found cromwell's fingerprints on some of the most transformative decisions of henry's turbulent reign but he also found cromwell the man an administrative genius rescuing him from myth and slander the real cromwell was a deeply loving father who took his biggest risks to secure the future of his son gregory he was also a man of faith and a quiet revolutionary in the end he could not appease or control the man whose humors were so violent and unpredictable but he made his mark on england setting her on the path to religious awakening and indelibly transforming the system of government of the english speaking world

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

a magisterial new history the new york times an epic tale and macculloch is an undaunted guide new york review of books a groundbreaking history of sexual emotion sexual activity gender relations marriage and the family and how christianity has interacted with this panorama of human concerns few matters produce more public interest and public anxiety than sex and religion much of the political contention and division in societies across the world centres on sexual topics and one third of the global population is christian in background or outlook the issue goes to the heart of present day religion this book seeks to calm fears and encourage understanding through telling a three thousand year long tale of christians encountering sex gender and the family the message of lower than the angels is simple necessary and timely to pay attention to the complexity and contradictions in the history of christianity the reader can decide from the story told here whether there is a single christian theology of sex or many contending voices in a symphony that is not at all complete oxford s emeritus professor of the history of the church introduces 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

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

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 decade was one of the most momentous in english history it saw a religious break with the pope unprecedeted use of parliament the dissolution of all monasteries and the coming of the protestantism which decisively shaped the future of this country cromwell was central to all this but establishing his role with precision at a distance of nearly 500 years and after the destruction of many of his papers at his own fall has been notoriously difficult diarmaid macculloch s biography draws together national and international events and reveals the channels through which so much of power in early tudor england flowed it overturns many received interpretations for example that cromwell and anne boleyn were allies because of their common religious sympathies showing how he in fact destroyed her or that cromwell was a cynical secular politician without deep felt religious commitment it introduces the many different personalities contributing to these foundational years all worrying about what macculloch calls the terrifyingly unpredictable henry viii and shows how things could easily have turned out differently macculloch s biography for the first time reveals his true place in the making of modern england and ireland for good and ill

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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

the collection of essays by prominent historians of the reformation explores the experience of religious reform in national context discussing similarities and differences between the reform movements in a dozen different countries of sixteenth century europe each author provides an interpretative essay emphasising local peculiarities and national variants on the broader theme of the reformation as a european phenomenon the individual essays thus emphasise the local preconditions and limitations which encountered the reformation as it spread from germany into most of the countries of western and central europe together they present a picture of the many sided nature of the reformation as it grew up in each national context the book includes examples of countries where the reformation was strikingly successful as well as those where it failed to make an impact a final comparative essay seeks to understand the different reformations as variations on an overall theme this volume forms part of a sequence of collections of essays which began with the enlightenment in national context 1981 and has continued with revolution in history 1986 romanticism in national context 1988 fin de siecle and its legacy 1990 the renaissance in national context 1991 the scientific revolution in national context 1992 and the national question in europe in historical context 1993 the purpose of these and other envisaged collections is to bring together comparative national and interdisciplinary approaches to the history of great movements in the development of human thought and action

although the young edward vi s death in 1553 led to resounding defeat for his protestant allies his reign has a significance out of all proportion to its brief six year span for during its course england s rulers let loose an explosive form of christianity within the realm in this lavishly illustrated book macculloch underlines the significance of edward s turbulent and neglected reign as well as the young king s life and beliefs he takes a fresh look at the ruthless politicians who jostled for position around him and explores the strange

afterlife of edward s attempt at the religious transformation of his kingdom in this macculloch traces a connection through the civil wars of the 17th century up to the present day

this book provides an introduction to the latest research on the english reformation from edward vi s accession to the death of elizabeth i it highlights the difference between the official reformation what those in power wanted to happen and the actual impact on clergy and people throughout the nation including those catholics and protestants whom the official elizabethan settlement ultimately failed to satisfy or include it describes the growth of barriers between a world of literate articulate religion and patterns of illiterate belief and magical practice it assesses the ambiguities the failures and the achievements of late tudor religious structures

a consistent indigenous english doctrine of scriptural perspicuity correlates with a commitment to the availability of the vernacular scriptures in english and supports the english roots of the early english reformation eer although political events and figures dominate the eer its religious component springing from john wyclif and streaming throughout the tradition must be recognized more widely this book critically surveys the doctrine of scriptural perspicuity from the beginning of the church in the first century noted as early as john chrysostom through the seventeenth century examining its impact on the current debates concerning competing hermeneutical systems reader response hermeneutics and the debates in conservative american presbyterianism and reformed theology on subscription to the westminster confession of faith the length of creation days and other issues

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

this is reformation history as it should be written not least because it resembles its subject matter learned argumentative and even when mistaken never dull eamon duffy author of the stripping of the altars traditional religion in england 1400 1580

praise for the author for anyone researching the subject this is the book you ve been waiting for washington post from the death of richard iii on bosworth field in 1485 to the execution of charles i after the civil wars of 1642 48 england was transformed by two dynasties first the tudors who had won the crown on the battlefield changed both the nature of kingship and the nation itself england became protestant and began to establish itself as a trading power facing down seemingly impossible odds it defeated its enemies on land and sea but after a century elizabeth i died with no heir and the crown was passed to the stuarts who sought to remould the kingdom in their own image leading authority on the history of the british isles in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries ronald hutton brilliantly recreates the political landscape of this early modern period and shows how the modern nation was forged in these febrile transformative years combining skilful pen portraits of the leading figures of the day with descriptions of its culture economics and vivid accounts of everyday life hutton provides telling insights into this critical period on britain s national history this the second book in the landmark four volume brief history of britain which brings together leading historians to tell britain s story from the norman conquest of 1066 to the present day combining the latest research with accessible and entertaining story telling the series is the ideal introduction for students and general readers

first published in 1987 this book has been a primer for theological college students undergraduates lay readers and all interested in the history and development of christianity now published in a new and attractive edition with an updated bibliography diarmaid macculloch 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

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