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Published between 2006 and 2008, the thoroughly updated and expanded Italian edition (*Nuovo dizionario patristico e di antichità cristiane*) has already been much appreciated, and the English translation—developed by a team of editors, translators, designers and typesetters—is sure to be a major part of libraries and collections throughout the English-speaking world.

“It is a huge blessing to have available in English what is probably the best current reference work on early Christianity,” writes former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams. “The range of coverage is exceptionally good and the bulk of the entries represent the most solid contemporary scholarship. It is an invaluable instrument of study.”

The three volumes include 3220 articles written by 266 contributors from 26 countries, covering such topics as archaeology, art and architecture, biography, culture, doctrine, ecclesiology, geography, history, philosophy, and theology.

“This is a translation and updating of a classic and exhaustive work of reference produced by the Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum in Rome,” says Iain R. Torrance, pro-chancellor of the University of Aberdeen and former president of Princeton Theological Seminary. “Now expanded by more than a third, it has no equivalent in English and in its revised form will remain a trusted starting place as the field of early Christianity continues to expand.”

The set has unparalleled, comprehensive coverage of persons, places and ideas from ancient Christianity, and it is translated from the original volume (*Nuovo dizionario patristico e di antichità cristiane*), which was produced by the Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum, the world’s foremost center for patristic studies, under the direction of professor Angelo Di Berardino.

“For two decades, the *Encyclopedia of the Early Church* has been a most valuable *vademecum* for scholars, students, teachers and preachers. The good news is that now it’s even better, with five hundred new articles and fresh research, in this splendid new *Encyclopedia of Ancient Christianity*,” says Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York. “A sure guide to spiritual, moral and theological challenges of today is the wisdom of the past, and here we have it in a most attractive and helpful volume.”

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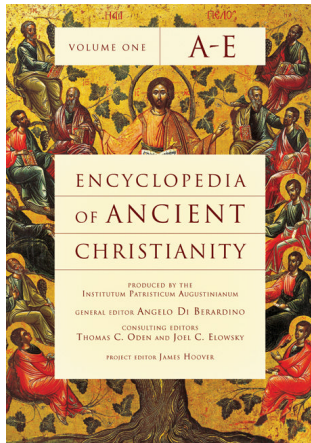
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