



# History of Christianity

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Only by knowing the facts of history can we, and future generations, hope to avoid the long pattern of war, persecution and hate that has plagued Western Civilization for the past two thousand years. Wars and persecutions certainly plagued the world before the coming of Christianity, and will most probably plague the world long after Christianity has ceased to be a factor, but if we are to survive Christianity we must have a full view of all its dangers. As a political system Christianity has used every device to maintain and extend its power and control over the world, and its contact with other such political/religious powers has been a large factor in wars and world suffering. The Christian Religious Wars of Europe were Wars of Extermination that killed more people than any of the other plagues.

The Holy Inquisition was a large factor in this religious war for the political control of Europe. It was realized that if the more intelligent and progressive Catholic were allowed spread their doubts and knowledge, the general population would evolve upward and away from Catholicism and finally away from Christianity itself. Those Catholics that did broke away from the Roman Catholic Church, lead by Martin Luther and others, and protested against that Church, grew until they dominated large sections of Europe. In spite of persecutions and massacres their numbers grew until much of Europe was protesting against the rule and abuses of the Roman Catholic Church -- these protesters became known as "Protestants."

Great and scholarly studies have been made of this upward evolution and the wars and persecutions it caused. The Histories of these great cultural changes are well written and make interesting reading for the general public; they are filled with action and intrigue; bloody massacres and heroic deeds; villains, kings, queens, knights and rebels -- fiction never created more fascinating plots than fact has produced.

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