Women and Christianity

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The Christian Church was the first globalized institution, influencing cultures and religions in many parts of the world. The study of women and Christianity from a cross-cultural perspective sheds light on women's roles in globalization, transnationalism, migration, inculturation, religious fundamentalism, and new religious movements. The study of Christianity from feminist, womanist, Latina and mujerista perspectives has expanded our understanding of the complexity of the Christian tradition and challenged some of our assumptions about the institutions, doctrines, and movements of Christianity. It has also provided critical insights for the study of women's participation in other religious and cultural traditions.

This reference work collects together in the first multicultural and interdisciplinary reference work on the topic articles from learned journals, books, and edited collections by leading scholars on women and Christianity in the English language. It presents the most up-to-date, multidisciplinary, and comprehensive discussion of women's reflection on the Bible and Christian doctrines, women's religious roles and movements, and contemporary issues facing Christian women in the global context. It introduces readers to the full range of sophisticated thinking across the globe by incorporating the works of women from the southern hemisphere and racial and ethnic minority women in North America and Europe. It includes articles and writings found in women's grassroots journals and bulletins, which are not easily accessible.
Part 1: Approaches to the Study of Christianity


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