# Christians

CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2023

#### What makes a Christian?

Shortly after rebuking a divine voice ordering him to eat "unclean" foods, Peter finds himself at table with a Gentile from the very foreign power oppressing his people. After listening to the centurion Cornelius's story, the plain-spoken fisherman concludes, "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable." (Illustration is from Page 84 of *The Veil is Torn.*)

Are things so different today? Every century since has witnessed spirited revival confronting rigid traditions. Thankfully, scripture inevitably returns Christ's flock to "The Way."

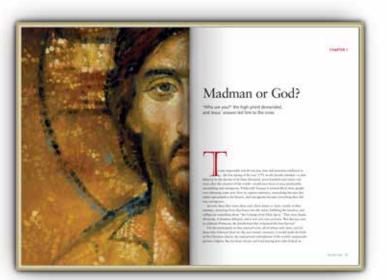
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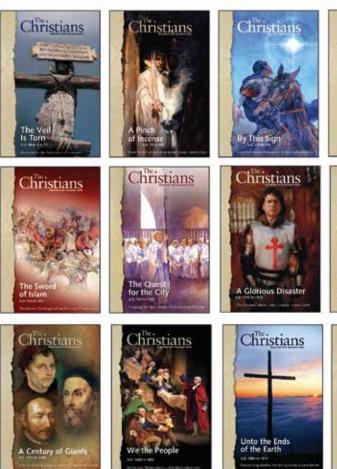
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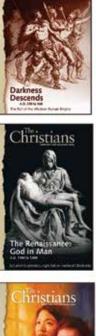
The narrative unfolds in compelling language, more characteristic of magazines than formal histories. The emphasis is always on the Christians who made the events happen, often heroically, sometimes to their historic discredit. (The series is not a "whitewash." Where the Christians erred, we say so.) They are written nearly entirely by seasoned journalists and practicing Christians along with indispensable academic historians, consulted closely on the text throughout.

The goal of this series is to make Christians both knowledgeable of their history and sufficiently perceptive to refute erroneous accounts of it. History is addictive, and the story of Christendom is essentially the most captivating narrative of all. It becomes most powerful when it is absorbed, not merely through memorization, but born out of the lure of the intriguing people it describes. The publisher of the books is SEARCH, the Society to Explore and Record Christian History, a nonprofit entity chartered in both the US and Canada. SEARCH is not connected, legally or effectually, with any Christian denomination or church related institution. However, we gratefully acknowledge the 20th Century Christian writer C. S. Lewis as the inspiration for this whole endeavor. We can only pray that he approves of what we have done.

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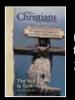
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#### Should Christians fear death?

Like Jesus, Paul recognized that his return to Jerusalem would bring the end of his ministry and life. In this illustration, Paul gathers the elders from the now-thriving church in Ephesus for a final blessing, then leaves his weeping flock to board his ship.

We must all inevitably confront mortality. For those fearful Paul had these words: ""Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet." (1 Corinthians 15:51-53 NIV)



(Illustration is from Page 160 of The Veil Is Torn.)

## DECEMBER 2022



"But my jaw drops when I look at the beautiful volumes produced by the Christian History Project and SEARCH ... This is solid history told the way history should be written, with sound and fury signifying something vital about the drama God has produced. The writing is lively and the characters are vivid." — Dr. Marvin Olasky, Former Editor, World Magazine

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#### When we can run no more

During the Roman siege of Jerusalem rebel leader John of Gischala flees for his life with members of his family into the maze of centuries-old tunnels beneath the Temple Mount. Nevertheless his attempt to escape proves futile and soldiers ferret them out.

At some point in life, we may face a similar situation where there is nowhere left to run. When our own personal Alamo arrives Apostle James provides this comfort: "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."



(Illustration is from Page 273 of The Veil is Torn.)

# JANUARY 2023

What Readers Are Saying "I have read several hundred books over the past 30 years mostly academic in nature. This book, and I highly suspect the others, is an amazing compilation of facts, pictures, and storyline. The material is so successfully interwoven and interleaved that the flow of the material is both smooth and enticing. From the first paragraphs through the entirety of the book there are no disappointments." — Dr. Wesley Rose, Amazon Review of Volume One

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New Year's Day ( USA/CAN Stat)					Epiphany Day (Christian)	
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	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (USA Stat)					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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#### Laden in chains to be lifted by cherubim

Ten Roman "leopards" led Bishop Ignatius to the next city on the land route to Rome—and his death.

Torture victims claim their darkest moments to feel bereft of even God. "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." (Romans 5: 3-5 NIV)



(Illustration is from Page 48 of *A Pinch of Incense.)* 

### FEBRUARY 2023



"I have read all the books with a great deal of interest and gained a lot of knowledge of how Christians survived through the ages. There are many black pages, but there was always a faithful remnant who call others back to the teachings of the Bible and to a right way of living out our faith." — Willy Van Randen, Surrey, BC

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	Washington's Birthday (USA Stat)	Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday (Christian)	Ash Wednesday (Christian)			
26	27	28				



#### The spiritual superiority of heavenly treasure

With bishop Sixtus of Rome martyred the city prefect orders a complete surrender of church wealth from deacon Laurence. On the appointed day, he appears before the astounded bureaucrat with the church's treasures: the poor, the sick, widows and children. This earns the young zealot a martyr's death, roasted on a red-hot iron bed.

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh." (Luke 6:20-21 NIV)



(Illustration is from Page 24 of *By This Sign*.)

# **MARCH 2023**

"What a dream, what a work of implementation, what a magnificent outcome you have achieved, together with your team. 'Magnificent' is the only word I can think of with Readers regard to these books. They are an amazing and invaluable contribution to the recording of Are Saying the Christian story." — Rhoda & George Morrison, Burnaby, BC

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Daylight Savings					St. Patrick's Day	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						Annunciation Day (Christian)
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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### The cup that touched the lips of Jesus?

Unearthed in 1910, the silver Chalice of Antioch has acquired a near-legendary following as the cup Jesus used at the Last Supper. Inside the beautifully-gilded outer silver goblet lies a simple clay cup (the Holy Grail).

"Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."" (Matthew 26: 27-29 NIV)



(Illustration is from Page 178 of Darkness Descends)

### APRIL 2023



"I am well-pleased with this project. I have read much church history but these books have material the I have never read before. They offer good quality and are ideal for passing on to family heirs." — Moses Bender, Transylvania, LA, farmer, Pentecostal

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Palm Sunday (Christian)					Good Friday (CAN Stat)	
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Easter Sunday					Orthodox Good Friday (Christian)	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Orthodox Easter Sunday (Christian)	Orthodox Easter Monday (Christian)					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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#### All of Islam descends from Abraham's handmaid

Abraham is revered by Muslims, Christians and Jews alike as the father of monotheism. He left his native city of Ur in Mesopotamia after rejecting his people's polytheistic practices, and eventually settled in Egypt. He is said to have banished a handmaid, Hagar, and their son, Ishmael (seen here in a painting by Giovanni Francesco Guercino), to a desolate valley in Arabia, trusting in God's promise to care for them. The valley became the site of Mecca, and Ishmael the father of the Arabs.



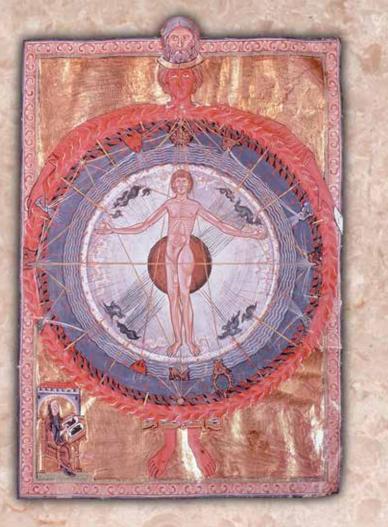
(Illustration is from Page 40 of The Sword of Islam)

## MAY 2023



"The information we get here goes very deep. For one example, Volume Five really helped me understand the force behind Islam, and what led to the situation we have today." — Donald Kirchner, Oconomowoc, WI, fireman (retired), Roman Catholic

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Mother's Day				Ascension Day (Christian)		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Victoria Day (CAN Stat)					
28	29	30	31			
Pentecost Day (Christian)						



#### The Sybil of the Rhine

"Humanity stands in the midst of the structure of the world." Often compared to those of William Blake, Hildegard of Bingen's mystical paintings translated her visions into something tangible and iconographic. This painting, titled Universal Man, is from the German nun's *Liber Divinorum Operum*. Hildegard herself is in the bottom left corner, receiving the vision.

Her gift of writing also found expression in plays, poetry and works of natural science and medicine. She was the only known female composer of her era, possibly the most prolific identifiable composer of the Middle Ages.



(Illustration from Page 40 of *The Quest for the City*.)

# JUNE 2023



"What a pleasant way this is of presenting history — with clear language, lively description, fascinating pictures and all the interesting side boxes." — Diane Bohrer, Dresher, PA, insurance agent, Evangelical

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Father's Day	Juneteenth Independence Day (USA Stat)					
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#### The Wisdom of Deuteronomy

A reluctant King John signs the Great Charter (or Magna Carta) at Runnymede in 1215.

"When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the Levitical priests. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees and not consider himself better than his fellow Israelites and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel." (Deuteronomy 17:18-20 NIV)



(Illustration is from Page 139 of *A Glorious Disaster*.)

# JULY 2023



"This series sure does make it very clear that history repeats itself, and that we can learn some very useful lessons on that count." — Harry Vamdeel Prince, UT, coal miner (retired), Four-Square Gospel

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		Independence day (USA Stat)				
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### Three-dimensional art as early as the 1500s

The interior of La Duomo was frescoed in the sixteenth century by Giorgio Vasari in the trompe l'oeil (trick the eye) style whereby painted objects appear to be part of the three-dimensional architecture. Vasari is considered by art historians to be a second-tier, somewhat derivative painter. His book on the lives of the artists of the Renaissance, however, is first-rate and remains the definitive work on the subject.



(Illustration is from Page 221 of *The Renaissance: God in Man*)

# AUGUST 2023



"I like the vivid way the authors present the stories of individuals; so many of them still apply that I use them in my sermons. These books will be passed on to my son, and to his children." — Wesley Jones, Charleston, IL, pastor, Baptist

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#### **Pathfinders of the Mystical**

Teresa of Avila receives the Eucharist in this illustration by Niccolo Bambini from 1710. Giving herself wholly to prayer at the age of thirty-nine, Teresa became known for mystical experiences—including levitation—that some attributed to the devil.

She and St. John of the Cross set about the rejuvenation of the venerable Carmelite order. Through their extraordinary visions and copious writing these two mystics would also afford the world deep insight into contemplative prayer. Both were descended from Jewish conversos forced by the Spanish Inquisition two generations earlier to accept Christianity.



(Illustration is from Page 184 of *Century of Giants.*)

### SEPTEMBER 2023



"I like the evenhanded treatment of contentious issues. I recommend these books to every Christian who wants to learn about the foundations of our faith. I can't wait to read the next book." — James Mcdermott, Fayetteville, NC, USAF officer, Methodist

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	Labor Day (USA/CAN Stat)					
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	Patriot Day (USA)					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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						Truth & Reconciliation Day (CAN Stat)



#### The early American school janitor who brought his fledgling nation's history to life

Daniel Boone escorts settlers in this mid-nineteenth-century oil painting by George Caleb Bingham. As the population of the colonies burgeoned, settlers sought new agricultural land to the west, with Boone blazing a trail through the Cumberland Gap in the Appalachian Mountains from North Carolina and Tennessee into Kentucky. Bingham (1811-1879), who began his working life as a school janitor, became the self-taught artist of the American frontier. His work, long left in obscurity, was rediscovered in the 1930s, and by the end of the twentieth century he was being hailed as one of early America's great artists.



(Illustration is from Page 200 of *We the People*.)

# OCTOBER 2023



"I hate reading history but these are stories of real people, presented as real people. I'm using the series to teach my children both religious and regular history." — Linda Quirion, Norridgewock, ME, RN, oncology, Roman Catholic





### The gentlewoman who dared become a nurse

Prior to Lady Nightingale's actions only street women, indigents and wantons ever dared this, but she saved hundreds of soldiers, reformed military medicine, and founded a new profession. The Scutari hospital, shown here in a contemporary painting, is where Florence Nightingale and thirty-eight carefully chosen nurses first worked in tending the Crimean casualties. When she arrived, the mortality rate was at 33%; five months later it had been reduced to less than 10%. This 1860 photograph shows Florence Nightingale at age forty. By then she had finished her service in the Crimean War and was back in London, lobbying for improved hospital conditions and launching schools for nursing and midwifery.



(Illustrations from Page 76-77 of Unto the Ends of the Earth.)

## NOVEMBER 2023



"These balanced, factual books help offset the fact that so much of the media is anti-Christian. I'm proud of the Byzantines for defending the faith, even if they were sometimes corrupt." — Ellen Phufas, Tonnawanda NY, college professor, Greek Orthodox







### Sadly, church destruction carries into the 21st Century

The Soviets destroy an ancient monastic church while the faithful lament in this 1930 painting by the Italian Achille Beltrame. During the Bolsheviks' anti-Christian campaign, many churches and monasteries were converted to use by the state, but many were destroyed, while those clergy who resisted faced death or sentences to the grim gulags in the north.

Tragically, on the morning of June 30, 2021, residents of Morinville, Alberta, Canada woke up to witness their 113-yearold St. Jean Baptiste parish church ablaze. 15 months later, despite pleas from local bishops the RCMP, Canada's national police force, has yet to lay a single charge.



(The illustration is from Page 20 of *The High Tide and the Turn*.)

# DECEMBER 2023



The authors do an incredible job at making a complicated time in history read as a narrative. No matter what your faith background, this book tells the story without bias. In the wrong hands, the Catholic church would come off as very negative. Instead, it presents truth and multiple perspectives and allows the reader to draw conclusions. There are heros as well as villains. Even the villains are shown as complex characters with the capacity of good as well as the bad. I appreciate the photos of art. All in all, it's a beautiful book, a lively narrative, and a new approach to making history come alive. — "Tann," Amazon Reviewer (Verified Purchase)

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#### The pontiff that forgave and came to love his would-be assassin

Pope John Paul II confers with Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Agca in a cell at Rome's Rebibbia Prison in December of 1983, a year and a half after Agca's assassination attempt. The pope and later Agca—came to believe that Our Lady of Fatima had guided the bullet that pierced his abdomen but narrowly missed vital organs — May 13, 1981.

"But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked." (Luke 6:35 NIV)



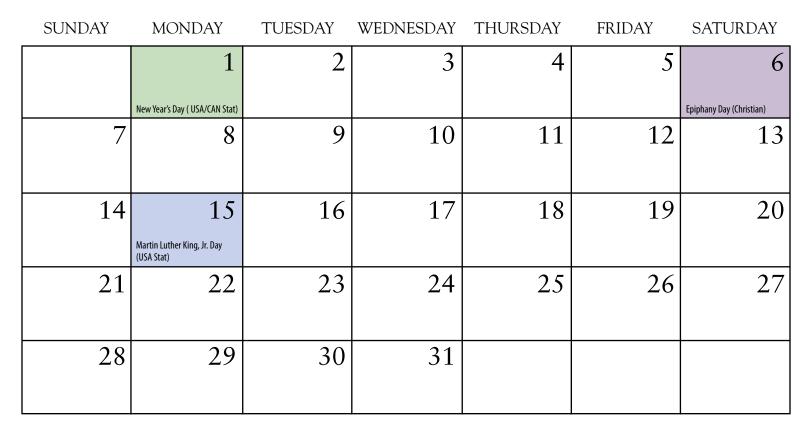
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