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A Select Bibliography for American Religious History

Douglas Firth Anderson

General Histories

- Ahlstrom, Sydney E. *A Religious History of the American People* (Yale, 1972). This is the most comprehensive current work available in the field. However, since it is solidly within the Protestant tradition of American religious historiography, it is vulnerable to criticism by those who see the need for new approaches.
- Albanese, Catherine L. *America: Religions and Religion* (Wadsworth, 1981). This provocative text is an excellent example of new trends in retelling America's religious history. The author employs history of religions, anthropology, and sociology along with older historiography.
- Ernst, Eldon G. "Winthrop S. Hudson and the Great Tradition of American Religious Historiography." *Foundations* 23 (1980): 104-126. Excellent introduction to older and newer directions in the field under review; the author studied under both Hudson and Ahlstrom.
- Gaustad, Edwin S., ed. *A Documentary History of Religion in America. Vol. I: To the Civil War* (Eerdmans, 1982). Primary documents are the lifeblood of historiography. When the publication of v. II is completed, this set will be the best general collection of documents for the field. Valuable reference and interesting reading.
- Hudson, Winthrop S. *Religion in America*. 3d ed. (Scribner's, 1981). For readers who want to know *something* but not *everything*, this is the best volume. It is highly readable and a stronger interpretation than Ahlstrom.
- Mulder, John M. and John F. Wilson, eds. *Religion in American History*. (Prentice-Hall, 1978). A helpful collection of major interpretive essays in the field up to the year of publication.

Period: Colonial To Independence

- Bremer, Francis J. *The Puritan Experiment* (St. Martin's, 1976). This is a conveniently comprehensive and recent synthesis of the multitude of work that has been done on American Puritanism.
- Brauer, Jerald C., ed. *Religion and the American Revolution* (Fortress, 1976). Three essayists—Brauer, Sidney E. Mead, and Robert N. Bellah—helpfully treat issues such as the political legacy of the Puritans; the Enlightenment; and "civil religion" as these interrelate with the American Revolution.
- Bumsted, J. M. and John E. Van de Wetering, *What Must I Do to Be Saved?* (Dryden, 1976). A useful synthesis of the issues and literature concerning the various eighteenth century revivals in the colonies which have been called the Great Awakening.
- Miller, Perry. *Errand into the Wilderness* (Harvard, 1956). Miller virtually singlehandedly rehabilitated Puritan studies, and this collection of his essays is a good introduction to his interpretation (which has not gone uncriticized).
- Noll, Mark A. *Christians in the American Revolution* (Christian U., 1977). A good monograph which nicely displays the varied motivations and responses of American Christians to the Revolution.
- Vaughan, Alden T. and Francis J. Bremer, eds. *Puritan New England* (St. Martin's, 1977). A handy collection of some of the most significant historiography on American Puritans.

Period: New Nation To Civil War

- Dayton, Donald W. *Discovering an Evangelical Heritage* (Harper & Row, 1976). Dayton is a "young evangelical" who wants to tell today's evangelicalism that many pre-Civil War evangelicals were surprisingly radical in their social attitudes on slavery, women's roles, the poor, and social reform in general.
- Dolan, Jay P. *The Immigrant Church* (Notre Dame, 1975). Dolan has written an exemplary social history monograph that is readable as well as a historiographically significant study of the life of immigrant Catholics in New York City parishes.
- Hovenkamp, Herbert. *Science and Religion in America, 1800-1860* (U. of Penn., 1978). Science and religion began the nineteenth century in America as allies. Hovenkamp tells of their interaction and the beginnings of their increasingly stormy relationship.
- Mathews, Donald G. *Religion in the Old South* (U. of Chicago, 1977). This is an outstanding interpretation of the rise of southern evangelicalism and the concurrent "trial by fire" of black Christianity.
- Miyakawa, T. Scott. *Protestants and Pioneers* (U. of Chicago, 1964). The author documents the thesis that Protestant churches on the Old Northwest frontier were forces for community cohesion and moral order, not for "frontier individualism."
- Raboteau, Albert J. *Slave Religion* (Oxford, 1978). A landmark work which convincingly pieces together the religious life of black Americans in slavery.
- Smith, Timothy L. *Revivalism and Social Reform* (Johns Hopkins, rev. ed. 1981). Evangelical historian Smith first wrote this study in the 1950s. It broke new paths at the time in its argument for the wide and deep influence on America of the 1850s of evangelicalism's revivalism and perfectionism.

Period: Reconstruction To Great Depression

- Anderson, Robert Mapes. *Vision of the Disinherited* (Oxford, 1979). Pentecostalism's origins are herein viewed historically and sociologically.
- Carter, Paul A. *The Spiritual Crisis of the Gilded Age* (Northern Illinois U., 1971). Revealing historical essays on northeastern middle-class religion under the impact of changing society and thought between the Civil War and the turn of the century.
- Halsey, William R. *Survival of American Innocence* (Notre Dame, 1980). Groundbreaking work in American Catholic twentieth-century historiography. Author argues that Catholics from 1920 to 1940 were intellectually and culturally "innocent" while their Protestant neighbors were coping with divisions and disillusionment.
- Hutchison, William R. *The Modernist Impulse in American Protestantism* (Harvard, 1976). Stunning intellectual history of early twentieth-century Protestant modernism.
- Jones, Charles Edwin. *Perfectionist Persuasion* (Scarecrow, 1974). The post-Civil War Wesleyan-based holiness movement is usually given short shrift in American religious history. Jones's book is a good correction to this neglect.
- Marsden, George M. *Fundamentalism and American Culture* (Oxford, 1980). The best and most subtle historical interpretation of the American Protestant fundamentalist movement. Brilliant evangelical scholarship.
- Meyer, Donald B. *Protestant Search for Political Realism* (U. of Calif., 1960). After Protestant fracturing over liberalism, modernism, the social gospel, and fundamentalism, one new movement of critical theological mediation was neo-orthodoxy. This book chronicles the rise of this new "realism," especially in its political aspects, from 1919 to 1941.

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Miller, Randall M. and Thomas D. Marzik, eds. *Immigrants and Religion in Urban America* (Temple U., 1977). A fine collection of essays on aspects of immigrant religiosity in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries—the period of heaviest immigration.

Wangler, Thomas E. "The Birth of Americanism . . ." *Harvard Theological Review* 65 (1972): 415–436. A stimulating reconstruction of the socio-intellectual roots of Catholic Americanism—which Leo XIII condemned in 1899 and which some have claimed was a "phantom" heresy.

White, Ronald C., Jr. and C. Howard Hopkins, *The Social Gospel* (Temple U., 1976). This is a work which does some needed revision of previous studies of the social gospel movement—e.g., it highlights the roles of evangelicals, women, blacks, and Southerners in the turn of the century religiously-motivated quest for social justice.

Period: World War II To The Present

Falwell, Jerry, ed. *The Fundamentalist Phenomenon* (Doubleday, 1981). Essential reading for understanding neo-fundamentalism (i.e., second and third generation fundamentalists moving toward the evangelical mainstream).

Hadden, Jeffrey K. and Charles E. Swann, *Prime Time Preachers* (Addison-Wesley, 1981). The best study to date on the historical phenomenon of media religion.

Marty, Martin E. *A Nation of Behavers* (U. of Chicago, 1976). Marty, always provocative, herein suggests that the best way to approach current American religion is not via theology or denominational differences, but rather via behavior—e.g., "mainline" religious behavior, charismatic/pentecostal behavior, fundamentalist/evangelical behavior, etc.

Marty, Martin E., ed. *Where the Spirit Leads* (John Knox, 1980). This contains in handy book-form articles on the current state of various American denominations and religious movements which appeared as a series in *The Christian Century*.

Quebedeaux, Richard. *The New Charismatics II, The Young Evangelicals, and The Worldly Evangelicals* (Harper & Row, 2d ed. 1982; 1974; 1978). Even though these three books leave much to be desired as good histories or as consistently penetrating analyses, they are nonetheless the best available handy sources for understanding the recent character and directions of these key religious movements.

Women's American Religious History

James, Janet Wilson, ed. *Women in American Religion* (U. of Penn., 1980). This is a useful collection of essays on the topic.

Ruether, Rosemary Radford and Rosemary Skinner Keller, eds. *Women and Religion in America. Vol. I: The Nineteenth Century* (Harper & Row, 1981). Excellent first volume of a projected series. Fascinating documents are grouped together topically and are introduced by explanatory essays by various scholars in the field.

Black American Religious History

Frazier, E. Franklin. *The Negro Church in America*/Lincoln, C. Eric. *The Black Church since Frazier* (Schocken, 1974). Two books in one; the best available overview (even though Frazier, first published in 1964, is dated in many respects) on black American religion.

Washington, Joseph R., Jr. *Black Sects and Cults* (Doubleday, 1972). The mass migration of black Americans from the rural South to the urban North during and after World War I put new wrinkles into black religious life. Washington's book studies the newer urban phenomena of black sects and cults.

Wilmore, Gayraud. *Black Religion and Black Radicalism* (Doubleday, 1973). Traces convincingly a consistent social radicalness in black American religious history. It thus revises earlier approaches like that of Franklin Frazier.

Jewish American Religious History

Blau, Joseph L. *Judaism in America* (U. of Chicago, 1976). A good, impressionistic approach to what has been distinctive about Judaism in America.

Glazier, Nathan. *American Judaism*. 2d ed., rev. (U. of Chicago, 1972). Given its brevity, this is a thorough recounting of Judaism's history in the United States; useful chronology.

Roman Catholic American Religious History

Abell, Aaron I. *American Catholicism and Social Action* (Notre Dame, 1963). Almost everything you ever wanted to know on the subject; covers from 1865 to 1950.

Ellis, John Tracy, ed. *Documents of American Catholic History*. 2 vols., rev. (Regnery, 1967). Since most collections of American religious documents underrepresent Catholicism in relation to its numerical and social significance, this collection by Ellis is invaluable.

Hennesey, James. *American Catholics* (Oxford, 1981). This new synthesis of American Catholic history promises to supplant all earlier treatments.

Protestant American Religious History

Ahlstrom, Sydney E., ed. *Theology in America* (Bobbs-Merrill, 1967). This is a collection of excerpts from major American Protestant theology from the Puritans to the Niebuhrs. Ahlstrom's lengthy introduction is the classic study done on all Protestant American theologizing.

Handy, Robert T. *A Christian America* (Oxford, 1971). A highly readable account of Anglo-Protestantism's efforts, ideology, and tarnished hopes to "Christianize" the United States from the time of the founding of the nation and the first disestablishment of religion to the 1920s and the "second disestablishment."

McLoughlin, William G. *Revivals, Awakenings, and Reform* (U. of Chicago, 1978). McLoughlin borrows from anthropology to argue provocatively for the progressive de-Protestantization of America as it passed through four periods of "revitalization" and finds itself in the midst of a fifth.

Woodbridge, John D., Mark A. Noll, and Nathan O. Hatch, *The Gospel in America* (Zondervan, 1979). Although written for a popular rather than a scholarly audience, this book by three evangelical historians is a fine beginning to much-needed work on the general history of American evangelicalism.

New and "Other" Religions In America

Arrington, Leonard J. and Davis Britton, *The Mormon Experience* (Vintage, 1980). A balanced, up-to-date history of the Latter-Day Saints by two progressive Mormons.

Ellwood, Robert S., Jr. *Alternative Altars* (U. of Chicago, 1979). Impressionistic treatment of "alternatives" taken in America's religious history.

Meyer, Donald. *The Positive Thinkers*. Rev. reissue (Pantheon, 1980). Meyer's subtitle nicely indicates the theme of this historical work: "religion as pop psychology from Mary Baker Eddy to Oral Roberts"—and the new evangelicals.

The Bible And American Religious History

Hatch, Nathan O. and Mark A. Noll, eds. *The Bible in America* (Oxford, 1982).

This new collection of essays is an outstanding step toward understanding the role the Bible has played in American culture.

Sandeen, Ernest R., ed. *The Bible and Social Reform* (Fortress, 1982). Essayists in this collection deal with topics such as the Bible and slavery, the social gospel, women's place in the church, peace movements, and black churches.

American Religious Nationalism

Tuveson, Ernest Lee. *Redeemer Nation* (U. of Chicago, 1968). An enlightening study of the roots of the intermeshing of millennialism and nationalism in the United States.

Wilson, John F. *Public Religion in American Culture* (Temple U., 1979). Wilson is a historian who discerningly and critically examines the notion of American "civil religion" and suggests some important qualifications to the concept for its meaningful use.