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The complex influence of gender on the development of Christian religion provides the focus for this collection of thirty-two essays, which extend the gender issue to questions concerning the role of men and masculinity in the development and spread of Christianity, and to more theoretical issues arising from concern with the wider concept of gender and questions of gender awareness. Chronologically the collection moves from the martyrdoms of the Early Church to the twentieth century; geographically it includes both the heartland of western Christendom in Britain and Europe, and colonial missions in the nineteenth century and more recent developments in South Africa and Australia.

Evidence drawn on extends from Middle English texts to Romanian wall-paintings, from seventeenth-century religious polemic to intimate personal diaries. Overall, the scope of the volume demonstrates the multiplicity of questions which arise when gender is considered as an influence in Church history, and the fascinating range of answers which those questions invite.

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