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About the Book

Covering the story of Christianity in India and its neighbouring South Asian countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives) including Afghanistan, Myanmar, and the global South Asian diaspora, this encyclopaedia is the most authoritative, comprehensive, and up-to-date reference on the subject. The more than 1000 in-depth entries by over 450 acclaimed contributors from India and abroad address a wide range of topics including events, people, institutions, concepts, theological issues, churches, denominations, historical developments, and contemporary themes. The topics have been addressed keeping in view the South Asian context, its nuances and distinctiveness.

Looking at rich archival material, the work documents the extensive apostolic heritage and the growth of the indigenous church in the post-colonial era, including that of the recent upsurge of the Christianity in some regions (for example, in Northeast India and in Nepal), and a proliferation of churches of indigenous origin. An essay on each country opens a window to the history, particularly the Christian component of that country from the beginning up to the present time. In the case of India, there are essays on regions alongside essays on each of the states and several important cities. Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, and indigenous Independent (including Pentecostal) traditions have been covered. Separate articles feature major denominations and important institutions and agencies in the region, particularly those of historical significance. Additionally, a number of themes and topics have been addressed which show the contributions of Christians from South Asia to various aspects of theology, ecclesiology, missiology, ecumenics, sociology, nation-building, politics, economics, culture, religion, and society. For easy reference, the contents are arranged alphabetically. Cross-references and brief bibliographical entries help scholars for future research. The bibliographies that most articles conclude with offer an invitation to further exploration.

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- Christianity in India and neighbouring South Asian countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives)
- Entries on Afghanistan, Myanmar, and global South Asian diaspora
- Over 1000 in-depth entries by more than 450 contributors
- Covers events, people, institutions, concepts, theological issues, churches, denominations, historical developments, and contemporary themes
- Contributors from all major denominations and sects, including Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, and Pentecostal
- Around 100 B/W photographs

Readership

Christian laity, church leaders, pastors, missionaries; students and teachers of religion, history, philosophy, and cultural studies; general readers

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