

CHRISTIAN TRADITION IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Roger P. Schroeder, SVD

ORBIS  BOOKS
Maryknoll, New York 10545

Founded in 1970, Orbis Books endeavors to publish works that enlighten the mind, nourish the spirit, and challenge the conscience. The publishing arm of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Orbis seeks to explore the global dimensions of the Christian faith and mission, to invite dialogue with diverse cultures and religious traditions, and to serve the cause of reconciliation and peace. The books published reflect the views of their authors and do not represent the official position of the Maryknoll Society. To learn more about Orbis Books, please visit our website at www.orbisbooks.com.

Copyright © 2021 by Roger P. Schroeder.

Published by Orbis Books, Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302.

All rights reserved.

No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or any information storage or retrieval system, without prior permission in writing from the publisher.

Queries regarding rights and permissions should be addressed to: Orbis Books, P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302.

Manufactured in the United States of America

Manuscript editing and typesetting by Joan Weber Laflamme

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data

Names: Schroeder, Roger P., author.

Title: Christian tradition in global perspective / Roger P. Schroeder, SVD.

Description: Maryknoll, NY : Orbis Books, [2021] | Summary: "A one-volume history of Christianity for undergraduate students, written from a Catholic perspective"—Provided by publisher.

Identifiers: LCCN 2021005447 (print) | LCCN 2021005448 (ebook) | ISBN 9781626984349 (trade paperback) | ISBN 9781608338979 (epub)

Subjects: LCSH: Church history. | Tradition (Theology)—History of doctrines. | Theology, Doctrinal—History.

Classification: LCC BR145.3 .S37 2021 (print) | LCC BR145.3 (ebook) | DDC 230—dc23

LC record available at <https://lccn.loc.gov/2021005447>

LC ebook record available at <https://lccn.loc.gov/2021005448>

Contents

<i>Maps</i>	vii
<i>Acknowledgments</i>	ix
<i>Introduction</i>	xi
1. The Early Church	1
<i>Beginnings to ca. 300</i>	
Historical Context	2
Moving in All Directions	8
Threads of Christian Tradition	15
Conclusion	31
2. The Age of the “Imperial Church”	33
<i>ca. 300 to ca. 600</i>	
Historical Context	33
Threads of Christian Tradition	45
Conclusion	63
3. New Challenges and New Beginnings	67
<i>ca. 600 to ca. 1000</i>	
Historical Context	67
Threads of Christian Tradition	83
Conclusion	98
4. New Political Horizons	101
<i>ca. 1000 to ca. 1453</i>	
Historical Context	102
Threads of Christian Tradition	114
Conclusion	134

5. Conquest, Reformation, and Indigenous Growth	135
<i>ca. 1454 to ca. 1600</i>	
Historical Context	137
Threads of Christian Tradition	149
Conclusion	168
6. Global Religious and Secular Encounters	171
<i>ca. 1600 to ca. 1800</i>	
Historical Context	172
Threads of Christian Tradition	188
Conclusion	210
7. Colonialism, Progress, and Mission	211
<i>ca. 1800 to ca. 1900</i>	
Historical Context	212
Threads of Christian Tradition	228
Conclusion	249
8. Post-Christendom West and Non-Western Christians	251
<i>ca. 1900 to ca. 2000</i>	
Historical Context	252
Threads of Christian Tradition	268
Conclusion	292
Conclusion	293
<i>Works Cited</i>	295
<i>Index</i>	303