

Recommended Reading for SHWEP Special Episode CB4M Parts VI and VII: Early Christian Reincarnationism

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1 Early Christian Afterlife-Beliefs, Generally

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Brian E. Daley. *The Hope of the Early Church. A Handbook of Patristic Eschatology*. Cambridge, 1991.

Charles A. Gieschen. *Angelomorphic Christology: Antecedents and Early Evidence*. Number 42 in *Arbeiten zur Geschichte des antiken Judenthums und des Urchristentums*. Brill, Leiden/Boston, MA/Köln, 1998.

M David Litwa. *Early Christianity in Alexandria: From Its Beginnings to the Late Second Century*. The University Press, Cambridge, 2024 [a readable overview, based on much previous, more in-depth scholarship by Litwa on Carpocrates, Basilides, *et al.* Suggests belief in reincarnation as a signature of Alexandrian theology, although not a universally-held belief (e.g. the Valentinians, who argued for angelification but not cyclical reincarnation)].

On the history of Hell [because it's cool]

H.-D. Altendorf. Die Entstehung des theologischen Höllenbildes in der Alten Kirche. In P. Jezler, editor, *Himmel Hölle Fegefeuer. Das Jenseits im Mittelalter*, pages 27–32. Zürich, 1994.

Richard Bauckham. Early Jewish Visions of Hell. *Journal of Theological Studies*, 41:355–85, 1990.

A. Bernstein. *The Formation of Hell*. Ithaca and London, 1993.

Jan N Bremmer. Descents to hell and ascents to heaven in apocalyptic literature. In J.J. Collins, editor, *The Oxford Handbook of Apocalyptic*, pages 340–357. Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2014.

T. Rasmussen. Hölle ii. In *Theologische Realenzyklopädie*, volume 15, pages 449–55. Berlin, 1986.

H. Vorgrimler. *Geschichte der Hölle*. Munich, 1993.

2 Early Christian Reincarnation, Specifically (including Gnostics)

N. Brox. Die frühchristliche Debatte um die Seelenwanderung. *Concilium*, 29:427–30, 1993.

G. Casadio. Gnostische Wege zur Unsterblichkeit. In E. Hornung and Th. Schabert, editors, *Auferstehung und Unsterblichkeit*, pages 203–54. Munich, 1993.

H. Frohnhofen. Reinkarnation und frühe kirche. *Stimmen der Zeit*, 207: 236–244, 1989.

Alain Le Boulluec. *La notion d'hérésie dans la littérature grecque, IIe-IIIe siècles*. Études augustinienes, Paris, 1985.

Karl Hoheisel. Das frühe Christentum und die Seelenwanderung. *Jahrbuch für Antike und Christentum*, 27/28:24–46, 1984/85.

M. Maritano. Giustino martire di fronte al problema della metempsicosi. *Salesianum*, 54:231–281, 1992.

Antti Marjanen and Petri Luomanen. *A Companion to Second-Century Christian "Heretics"*, volume 76 of *Supplements to Vigiliae Christianae*.

Brill, Leiden/Boston, MA, 2005 [edited volume containing chapters devoted to important early thinkers, movements, etc., by some very eminent scholars. A good place to start research, for an overview of a given thinker's ideas; reincarnation appears here and there throughout].

Mercedes López Salvá and Miguel Herrero de Jáuregui. La Transmigración en el Cristianismo Primitivo. In A. Bernabé, D. Kahle, and M.A. Santamaría, editors, *Reencarnación. La Transmigración de las Almas entre Oriente y Occidente*, page 385–415. Abada Editores, Madrid, 2011.

H. J. Schoeps. Bemerkungen zu Reinkarnationsvorstellungen der Gnosis. *Numen*, 4:228–32, 1957 [an old-fashioned excursus into how all the Gnostics believed in reincarnation, like ‘primitive people’ also do. Trash].

Helmut Zander. *Geschichte der Seelenwanderung in Europa: Alternative religiöse Traditionen von der Antike bis heute*. Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, Darmstadt, 1999.