

Recommended Reading for SHWEP Episode 212: Jonathan Greig on Maximus the Confessor

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1 General Introductions to Maximus which may be of Interest

Pauline Allen and Bronwen Neil, editors. *The Oxford Handbook of Maximus the Confessor*. Oxford University Press, 2015.

Phil Booth, editor. *Crisis of Empire: Doctrine and Dissent at the End of Late Antiquity*, volume 52 of *Transformation of the Classical Heritage*. University of California Press, 2014 [not about Maximus per se, obviously, but contains an up-to-date discussion of his life and times].

Bart Janssens, Peter Van Deun, and Carlos Steel. Maximus der bekenner. In Christoph Riedweg, Christoph Horn, and Dietmar Wyrwa, editors, *Die Philosophie der Antike 5/3: Philosophie der Kaiserzeit und der Spätantike*, Grundriss der Geschichte der Philosophie, pages 2268–2287. Schwabe, 2018 [probably the best introduction out there].

2 Primary Access

For the Syriac *Life*, see:

Sebastian Brock. An Early Syriac Life of Maximus the Confessor. *Analecta Bollandiana*, 91(3–4):299–346, 1973.

For the Greek *Life*, see:

Bronwen Neil and Pauline Allen. *The Life of Maximus the Confessor. Recension 3*. Number 6 in Early Christian Studies. St. Paul's Publications, 2003.

3 Maximus, Late Platonism, and Apophatic Theology

Grigory Benevich. Maximus the Confessor's Polemics Against Anti-Origenism: Epistulae 6 and 7 as a Context for the *Ambigua ad Iohannem*. *Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique*, 104(1):5–15, 2009. doi: 10.1484/J.RHE.3.196.

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Jonathan Greig. Proclus' Doctrine of Participation in Maximus the Confessor's Centuries of Theology I.48–50. In Markus Vinzent, editor, *Studia Patristica LXXV*, pages 137–48. Peeters, Leuven, 2017.

Jonathan Greig. Proclus' Reception in Maximus the Confessor, Mediated through John Philoponus and Pseudo-Dionysius: A Case Study of *Ambiguum 7*. In Dragos Calma, editor, *Reading Proclus and the Book of Causes, Volume 3*, pages 117–67. Brill, Leiden, 2022.

Dirk Krausmüller. Origenism and Anti-Origenism in the Late Sixth and Seventh Centuries. In Joel Kalvesmaki and Robin Darling Young, editors, *Evagrius and His Legacy*. University of Notre Dame Press, 2016.

Lillian I. Larsen and Samuel Rubenson. *Monastic Education in Late Antiquity: The Transformation of Classical Paideia*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2018.

Carlos Steel. Maximus Confessor on Theory and Praxis: A Commentary on *Ambigua ad Johannem VI (10)* 1-19. In Thomas Bénatouil and Mauro Bonazzi, editors, *Theoria, Praxis, and the Contemplative Life after Plato and Aristotle*, pages 229–57. Brill, 2012.

Carlos Steel. Maximus Confessor and John Scotus Eriugena on Place

and Time. In Willemien Otten and Michael I. Allen, editors, *Eriugena and Creation: Proceedings of the Eleventh International Conference on Eriugenean Studies, Held in Honor of Edouard Jauneau, Chicago, 9–12 November 2011*, pages 291–318. Brepols, 2014.

Beate Regina Suchla. Die sogenannten Maximus-Scholien des Corpus Dionysiacum Areopagiticum. *Nachrichten der Akademie der Wissenschaften in Göttingen, Philologisch-Historische Klasse Göttingen*, (3):31–66, 1980.