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Woman One Church Alexander Campbell as a Change Agent Within the Stone-Campbell Movement from 1830-1840 Churches of Christ in Oklahoma The Stone Campbell Movement in Michigan, 1838-1890 I'm Glad My Mom Died

The religious reform tradition known as the Stone-Campbell movement came into being on the American frontier in the early decades of the nineteenth century. Named for its two principal founders, Barton W. Stone and Alexander Campbell, its purpose was twofold: to restore the church to the practice and teaching of the New Testament and, by this means, to find a basis for reuniting all Christians. Today, there are three major branches of the Stone-Campbell tradition: the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Churches of Christ, and Christian Churches/Churches of Christ. This volume brings together twenty-six essays drawn from the significant scholarship on the Stone-Campbell Movement that has flourished over the past twenty years. Reprinted from diverse scholarly journals and concentrating on historiographic issues, the essays consider such topics as the movement's origins, its influence on the presidency, its presence in Britain, and its multicultural aspects. In their

introduction, Casey and Foster reveal the connections between this scholarship and larger issues of American history, religion, and culture. They note that David Edwin Harrell Jr., and Richard T. Hughes--both of whom are represented in the collection--have provided competing paradigms of the social and intellectual history of the movement: While Harrell defends the legitimacy of the sectarian "non-institutional" Churches of Christ, Hughes legitimizes the current progressive movement found in Churches of Christ. Casey and Foster propose six additional historiographic constructs as alternatives to those of Harrell and Hughes and assess each paradigm's implications for the scholarship of the movement. The first major survey of research on the Stone-Campbell movement in a quarter of a century, this book will also serve as an invaluable resource for scholars of American religious movements in general. The Editors: Michael W. Casey is professor the communication at Pepperdine University. He is the author of *The Battle Over Hermeneutics in the Stone-Campbell Movement, 1800-1870* and *Saddlebags, City Streets, and Cyberspace: A History of Preaching in the Churches of Christ*. Douglas A. Foster is associate professor of church history and director of

the Center for Restoration Studies at Abilene Christian University. He is author of *Will the Cycle Be Unbroken? Churches of Christ Face the Twenty-First Century* and co-author of *The Crux of the Matter: Crisis, Tradition, and the Future of Churches of Christ*. The Contributors: Peter Ackers, Louis Billington, Monroe Billington, Paul M. Blowers, Michael W. Casey, Anthony L. Dunnivant, David B. Eller, Philip G. A. Griffin-Allwood, Jean F. Hankins, David Edwin Harrell Jr., Nathan O. Hatch, L. Edward Hicks, Richard T. Hughes, Deryck W. Lovegrove, John L. Morrison, Russ Paden, Paul D. Phillips, William C. Ringenberg, Stephen Vaughn, Earl Irvin West, Mont Whitson, Glenn Michael Zuber. A product of the Second Great Awakening of the nineteenth century, the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement gave rise to such denominations as the Church of Christ (a cappella), the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the independent Christian Churches/ Churches of Christ. While scholars have examined many of the historical, ecclesial, socio-cultural, and biographical dimensions of this indigenously American religious tradition, few have singled it out for philosophical exploration and critique. In *Restoration and Philosophy*, editor J. Caleb Clanton and a team of philosophers engage with the Stone-Campbell Restoration tradition to address issues related to epistemology, philosophy of science, philosophy of religion, moral

philosophy, aesthetics, environmentalism, and race. Along the way, the authors help to contextualize the Stone-Campbell Restoration tradition within American religious history--and within Christian philosophy more generally--and they show its continuing relevance today. Scholars and students of philosophy and religious studies, as well as ministers and those interested in this uniquely American Christian tradition, will benefit from this carefully edited, thoroughly researched, and highly readable collection of essays by eminent philosophers and religious scholars. J. CALEB CLANTON is University Research Professor and professor of philosophy at Lipscomb University in Nashville. His previous books include *Philosophy of Religion in the Classical American Tradition* and *The Philosophy of Religion of Alexander Campbell*. *Debating for God* demonstrates that Alexander Campbell was the foremost apologist of his era and, perhaps, the premier apologist that America has produced. Christians interested in "evidences" and Church historians will find this book fascinating. A history of the churches of Christ in America with emphasis on who they are and why. Fourteen chapters with pictures of Restoration leaders from both the 19th and 20th centuries. With roots in British and American endeavors to restore apostolic Christianity, the Stone-Campbell Movement drew its inspiration from the independent efforts of

nineteenth-century religious reformers Barton W. Stone and the father-son team of Thomas and Alexander Campbell. The union of these two movements in the 1830s and the growth of the new body thrust it into a place of significance in early nineteenth-century America, and it quickly spread to other parts of the English-speaking world. From its beginnings the Movement has developed into one of the most vital and diverse Christian traditions in the world. Today it encompasses three major American communions -- Churches of Christ, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and Christian Churches/Churches of Christ -- as well as united churches in several other countries. Over ten years in the making, *The Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement* offers for the first time a sweeping historical and theological treatment of this complex, vibrant global communion. Written by more than 300 contributors, this major reference work contains over 700 original articles covering all of the significant individuals, events, places, and theological tenets that have shaped the Movement. Much more than simply a historical dictionary, this volume also constitutes an interpretive work reflecting historical consensus among Stone-Campbell scholars, even as it attempts to present a fair, representative picture of the rich heritage that is the Stone-Campbell Movement. Scores of photographs and illustrations (many quite rare) enrich and

enliven the text, and an extensive, carefully prepared index facilitates ready access to important information throughout the volume. The Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement -- a standard reference work for religious, academic, public, and personal libraries everywhere. Features of this encyclopedia: Presents over 700 articles on the people, events, churches, and beliefs that comprise the Stone-Campbell tradition Provides cutting-edge commentary on current topics of discussion as well as basic historical knowledge Written by more than 300 scholars from across the Stone-Campbell Movement Enlivened with photographs and illustrations (some quite rare) from around the world Includes an extensive index for rapid reference In the 1950s and 1960s, Churches of Christ were the fastest growing religious organization in the United States. The churches flourished especially in southern and western states, including Oklahoma. In this compelling history, historian W. David Baird examines the key characteristics, individuals, and debates that have shaped the Churches of Christ in Oklahoma from the early nineteenth century to the beginning of the twenty-first century. Baird's narrative begins with an account of the Stone-Campbell movement, which emerged along the American frontier in the early 1800s. Representatives of this movement in Oklahoma first came as missionaries to American Indians, mainly to

the Cherokees, Chickasaws, and Choctaws. Baird highlights the role of two prominent missionaries during this period, and he next describes a second generation of missionaries who came along during the era of the Twin Territories, prior to statehood. In 1906, as a result of disagreements regarding faith and practice, followers of the Stone-Campbell Movement divided into two organizations: Churches of Christ and Disciples of Christ. Baird then focuses solely on Churches of Christ in Oklahoma, all the while keeping a broader national context in view. Drawing on extensive research, Baird delves into theological and political debates and explores the role of the Churches of Christ during the two world wars. As Churches of Christ grew in number and size throughout the country during the mid-twentieth century, controversy loomed. Oklahoma's Churches of Christ argued over everything from Sunday schools and the support of orphan's homes to worship elements, gender roles in the church, and biblical interpretation. And nobody could agree on why church membership began to decline in the 1970s, despite exciting new community outreach efforts. This history by an accomplished scholar provides solid background and new insight into the question of whether Churches of Christ locally and nationally will be able to reverse course and rebuild their membership in the twenty-first century. 'Restoring the First-century Church in the Twenty-first

Century: Essays on the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement in Honor of Don Haymes' is a snap-shot of a major American religious movement just after the turn of the millennium. When the 'Disciples' of Alexander Campbell and the 'Christians' of Barton Warren Stone joined forces early in the 19th century, the first indigenous ecumenical movement in the United States came into being. Two hundred years later, this American experiment in biblical primitivism has resulted in three, possibly four, large segments. Best known is the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), active wherever ecumenical Christians gather. The denomination is typically theologically open, having been reshaped by theological Liberalism and the Social Gospel in the twentieth century, and has been re-organized on the model of other Protestant bodies. The largest group, the Churches of Christ, easily distinguished by their insistence on 'a cappella' music (singing only), is theologically conservative, now tending towards the evangelical, and congregationally autonomous, though with a denominational sense of brotherhood. The Christian Churches/Churches of Christ (Independent) are a 'via media' between the two other bodies: theologically conservative and evangelical, congregationally autonomous, pastorally oriented, and comfortable with instrumental music. The fourth numerically significant group, the churches of Christ (Anti-Institutional), is

a conservative reaction to the 'a cappella' churches, much in the way that the Southern 'a capella' churches reacted against the emerging intellectual culture and social location, instrumental music and institutional centrism of the Northern Disciples following the Civil War. Besides these four, numerous smaller fragments, typically one-article splinter groups, decorate the history of the Restoration Movement: One-Cup brethren, Premillennialists, No-Sunday-School congregations, No-Located-Preacher churches, and others. This movement to unite Christians on the basis of faith and immersion in Jesus Christ, and to restore New-Testament Christianity, is too little recognized on the American religious landscape, and it has been too little studied by the academic community. This volume is focused primarily on the 'a cappella' churches and their interests, but implications for the entire Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement abound. The voices that speak freely within were unimpeded in authoring these essays by standards of orthodoxy imposed from without. All of the contributors are acquainted with Don Haymes, the honoree of the volume, and have been inspired by this friend and colleague, a man with a rigorous and earthy intellect and a heavenly spirit. David Bundy, series editor *Studies in the History and Culture of World Christianities* What's worse than discovering you have a zombie problem? Imagine acquiring four more

undead tag-alongs. . . . From the acclaimed illustrator of *Flora & Ulysses* comes the second book in the *Zombie Problems* trilogy, heralded as "reminiscent of Roald Dahl in uniting the macabre with realism." When a zombie followed August DuPont home one day, he didn't expect her to stick around. But Claudette is in no hurry to leave August's side. And when he decides to go to Croissant City in search of the elusive *Zombie Stone*, Claudette joins him. It's a good thing she does, because no sooner had August set out than a mysterious white alligator began to follow him. Reptiles aren't the only creatures to look out for, though. When August is reunited with his dour cousins the Malveaus, and their menacing mother, Orchid, finding the stone before they do takes on a new urgency. Throw in a swamp doctor, a costume parade, a pop star, a séance, a band of smugglers, and four new zombies, and you'd better believe that August's quest is only going to get more complicated. The Stone-Campbell Movement, also known as the Restoration Movement, arose on the frontiers of early nineteenth-century America. Like-minded Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians abandoned denominational labels in order to be "Christians only." They called followers to join in Christian unity and restore the ideals of the New Testament church, holding authoritative no book but the Bible and believing no creed but Christ. Modern-day inheritors of this movement, including the

Churches of Christ (a cappella) and the Christian Churches (independent), find much in common with wider evangelical Christianity as a whole. Both groups are committed to the authority of Scripture and the importance of personal conversion. Yet Restorationists and evangelicals, separated by sociological history as well as points of doctrinal emphasis, have been wary of each other. Evangelicals have often misunderstood Restorationists as exclusivist separatists and baptismal regenerationists. On the other hand, Stone-Campbell adherents have been suspicious of mainstream denominational evangelicals as having compromised key aspects of the Christian faith. In recent years Restoration Movement leaders and churches have moved more freely within evangelical circles. As a result, Stone-Campbell scholars have reconsidered their relationship to evangelicalism, pondering to what extent Restorationists can identify themselves as evangelicals. Gathered here are essays by leading Stone-Campbell thinkers, drawing from their Restoration heritage and offering significant contributions to evangelical discussions of the theology of conversion and ecclesiology. Also included are responses from noted evangelicals, who assess how Stone-Campbell thought both corresponds with and diverges from evangelical perspectives. Along with William R. Baker (editor) and Mark Noll (who wrote the Foreword), contributors include Tom Alexander, Jim

Baird, Craig L. Blomberg, Jack Cottrell, Everett Ferguson, Stanley J. Grenz, John Mark Hicks, Gary Holloway, H. Wayne House, Robert C. Kurka, Robert Lowery, Edward P. Myers and Jon A. Weatherly. For all concerned with Christian unity and the restoration of the church, Evangelicalism & the Stone-Campbell Movement offers a substantive starting point for dialogue and discussion. "The Stone-Campbell Movement, also referred to as the Restoration Movement, experienced significant growth in early to mid-19th century America. It was an endeavor to unify Christians on the basis of the perceived essentials of New Testament Christianity. Later on, this unity movement split three ways. This split, to a great degree, occurred as a result of the subsequent developments of the Scientific Revolution. These developments have been a challenge to the Church, as a whole, as well--both Catholic and Protestant. In this collection of papers and essays, Dr. Strauss provides a perspective of the tremendous forces that have challenged and shaped the Church over the past four centuries, and calls upon the Church to present a prepared and informed witness in the face of the Post-Modernism of our current age." -- Barnes & Nobel website. The Living Pulpit, sermons reviewed and selected by a diverse team of scholars in the Stone-Campbell Movement (Churches of Christ, Christian Churches/Churches of Christ, and Christian Church (Disciples

of Christ), captures the theological themes and changing approaches to preaching over the past 50 years (1968-2018) Fifty years of preaching excellence in one volume. The Living Pulpit collects sermons from representative preachers in the Stone-Campbell Movement--pastors affiliated with the Churches of Christ, the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)--over the past 50 years. The fourth volume in a series that began in 1868, this collection of sermons from 40 ministers, reviewed by a diverse team of scholars, captures the theological themes and changing approaches to preaching across the Movement's three streams. Emerging from an era of mutual suspicion, the three streams have developed a better understanding, shared mutuality and respect for each stream's unique qualities, and cooperated in many venues, qualities reflected in this collection. The Living Pulpit 2018 helps preachers and scholars recognize where preaching has been--and why it has been there--in each stream, and where preaching appears to be going in a new mission field for Christianity and the Unity Movement. General Editor: Mary Alice Mulligan Contributing Editors: Ronald Allen, Dave Bland, David Fleer, Joseph Grana II, Tim Sensing, Bruce Shields, Casey Sigmon, Richard Voelz Contributors: Jimmy Allen, Lynn Anderson, Gene Appel, Dean Barham, Batsell Barrett Baxter, Russell

Blowers, Laura Buffington, Delores Carpenter, Janet Casey-Allen, Mike Cope, Fred Craddock, Lisa Davison, Glenn Elliott, Mark Frost, Joseph Grana II, Andrew Hairston, Cynthia Hale, Allen Harris, Jodi Hickerson, Cal Jernigan, Sandhya Jha, David Kagiwada, Michael Kinnamon, Roy Lawson, Marshall Leggett, Jim McGuiggan, Bob Mink, José Morales, Ronald Osborn, Derek Penwell, Norman Reed, Mary Louise Rowand, Rob Russell, Landon B. Saunders, Mark Scott, Tim Sensing, Bob Shannon, Rubel Shelly, Bruce Shields, Casey Sigmon, Myron Taylor, Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah, Richard Voelz, Paul Watson, J.S. Winston A Concise Global History of the Stone-Campbell Movement This study analyzes Barton Stone and Alexander Campbell. It brings new evidence to the debate regarding their influence on the branches of Christianity that emerged from Stone-Campbell Movement and argues that Stone wasn't a viable leader in his own movement. To find more information on Rowman & Littlefield titles, please visit us at [www.rowmanlittlefield.com](http://www.rowmanlittlefield.com). In the first full-length scholarly synthesis of the African American Churches of Christ, Edward J. Robinson provides a comprehensive look at the church's improbable development against a backdrop of African American oppression. The journey begins with a lesser known preacher, F. F. Carson, in many ways a forerunner in the struggles and triumphs awaiting the preachers and lay people in the

congregations to come. Robinson then builds on scholarship treating well-known figures, including Marshall Keeble and G. P. Bowser, to present a wide-ranging history of African American Churches of Christ from their beginnings--when enslaved people embraced the nascent Stone-Campbell Christian Movement even though founder Alexander Campbell himself favored slavery. The author moves on to examine how the churches grew under the leadership of S. R. Cassius, even as Jim Crow restrictions put extreme pressure on organizations of any kind among African Americans. Robinson's well-researched narrative treats not only the black male leaders of the church, but also women leaders, such as Annie C. Tuggle, as well as notable activities of the church, including music, education, and global evangelism, thus painting a complete picture of African American Churches of Christ. Through scholarship and compelling storytelling, Robinson tells the two-hundred-year tale of how "black believers survived and thrived on the discarded 'scraps' of America, forging their own identity, fashioning their own lofty ecclesiology and 'hard' theology, and creating their own papers, lectureships, liturgy, and congregations." A groundbreaking exploration by a seasoned scholar in American religion, *Hard-Fighting Soldiers* is sure to become the standard text for anyone researching the African American Churches of Christ.

The Disciples of Christ, one of the first Christian faiths to have originated in America, was established in 1832 in Lexington, Kentucky, by the union of two groups led by Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone. The modern churches resulting from the union are known collectively to religious scholars as part of the Stone-Campbell movement. If Stone and Campbell are considered the architects of the Disciples of Christ and America's first nondenominational movement, then Kentucky's Raccoon John Smith is their builder and mason. *Raccoon John Smith: Frontier Kentucky's Most Famous Preacher* is the biography of a man whose work among the early settlers of Kentucky carries an important legacy that continues in our own time. The son of a Revolutionary War soldier, Smith spent his childhood and adolescence in the untamed frontier country of Tennessee and southern Kentucky. A quick-witted, thoughtful, and humorous youth, Smith was shaped by the unlikely combination of his dangerous, feral surroundings and his Calvinist religious indoctrination. The dangers of frontier life made an even greater impression on John Smith as a young man, when several instances of personal tragedy forced him to question the philosophy of predeterminism that pervaded his religious upbringing. From these crises of faith, Smith emerged a changed man with a new vocation: to spread a Christian faith wherein

salvation was available to all people. Thus began the long, ecclesiastical career of Raccoon John Smith and the germination of a religious revolution. Exhaustively researched, engagingly written, *Raccoon John Smith* is the first objective and painstakingly accurate treatment of the legendary frontier preacher. The intricacies behind the development of both Smith's personal religious beliefs and the founding of the Christian Church are treated with equal care. *Raccoon John Smith* is the story of a single man, but in carefully examining the events and people that influenced Elder Smith, this book also serves as a formative history for several Christian denominations, as well as an account of the wild, early years of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. *The Stone-Campbell Movement: A Global History* tells the story of Christians from around the globe and across time who have sought to witness faithfully to the gospel of reconciliation. Transcending theological differences by drawing from all the major streams of the movement, this foundational book documents the movement's humble beginnings on the American frontier and growth into international churches of the twenty-first century. An assessment of Trinitarian thought in the two-hundred-year-old Stone-Campbell Movement, including suggestions for ways in which the renewal of Trinitarian doctrine can revitalize the church's life and mission.

Throughout its history the Stone-Campbell Movement has noticeably neglected Trinitarian doctrine, prohibiting a biblical understanding of God as Trinity from significantly impacting the movement's churches. This book attempts to rectify this weakness in three ways. First, a focus on the Trinitarian positions of Thomas Campbell, Alexander Campbell, and Barton W. Stone sheds new light on the early shapers of the movement. Second, the book lays out specific ways in which the movement would benefit by a biblically grounded Trinitarianism and the contributions of contemporary trinitarian theologians. And third, it presents a plan for the advancement of biblical Trinitarian doctrine among Stone-Campbell churches. Significant contributions of this study include the most thorough examination to date of Trinitarian doctrine in Stone-Campbell thought, an original presentation of the historical theology that stands behind the Trinitarian positions of Thomas Campbell, Alexander Campbell, and Barton W. Stone, and a fresh proposal regarding the roots of Barton Stone's quasi-Arianism. Barton Stone, Thomas Campbell, and Alexander Campbell organized a nineteenth-century Christian renewal movement that later coalesced into three distinct church bodies in the United States: Churches of Christ, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and Christian Churches and Churches of Christ. What is less known is that from these humble origins, the Stone-

Campbell Movement has grown globally, now with churches in more than 199 countries. This book tells the story from the movement's beginnings all the way to its international expansion into Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. Complete with a study guide and personal reflection questions, this book is ideal for longtime members, new members, and those unfamiliar with the Stone-Campbell heritage. This dissertation uses the writings of both Stone and Campbell to show that Stone was never a viable leader of the movement after 1832, and his ideas were never part of what influenced the various men and ideas that led to the development of the twentieth-century branches of the movement. The debates going on between "restoration historians" are thus predicated on the false assumption that Stone influenced people within the movement. The evidence presented in this dissertation proves that Stone was an outsider in the movement that bears his name. This dissertation furthermore provides evidence that Stone's broad and inclusive view of Christianity was an influence on another group called the Christian Connexion which partly grew out of Stoneite churches that openly rejected the 1832 union with Campbell. The history of the Christian Connexion and its development into the twentieth-century ecumenical movement called the United Church of Christ represents Barton Stone's true legacy. #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER #1 INTERNATIONAL

**BESTSELLER** A heartbreaking and hilarious memoir by iCarly and Sam & Cat star Jennette McCurdy about her struggles as a former child actor—including eating disorders, addiction, and a complicated relationship with her overbearing mother—and how she retook control of her life. Jennette McCurdy was six years old when she had her first acting audition. Her mother's dream was for her only daughter to become a star, and Jennette would do anything to make her mother happy. So she went along with what Mom called "calorie restriction," eating little and weighing herself five times a day. She endured extensive at-home makeovers while Mom chided, "Your eyelashes are invisible, okay? You think Dakota Fanning doesn't tint hers?" She was even showered by Mom until age sixteen while sharing her diaries, email, and all her income. In *I'm Glad My Mom Died*, Jennette recounts all this in unflinching detail—just as she chronicles what happens when the dream finally comes true. Cast in a new Nickelodeon series called iCarly, she is thrust into fame. Though Mom is ecstatic, emailing fan club moderators and getting on a first-name basis with the paparazzi ("Hi Gale!"), Jennette is riddled with anxiety, shame, and self-loathing, which manifest into eating disorders, addiction, and a series of unhealthy relationships. These issues only get worse when, soon after taking the lead in the iCarly spinoff Sam & Cat alongside Ariana Grande, her mother dies

of cancer. Finally, after discovering therapy and quitting acting, Jennette embarks on recovery and decides for the first time in her life what she really wants. Told with refreshing candor and dark humor, *I'm Glad My Mom Died* is an inspiring story of resilience, independence, and the joy of shampooing your own hair. "Over ten years in the making, *The Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement* offers for the first time a sweeping historical and theological treatment of this complex, vibrant global communion. Written by more than 300 contributors, this major reference work contains over 700 original articles covering all of the significant individuals, events, places, and theological tenets that have shaped the Movement. Much more than simply a historical dictionary, this volume also constitutes an interpretive work reflecting historical consensus among Stone-Campbell scholars, even as it attempts to present a fair, representative picture of the rich heritage that is the Stone-Campbell Movement."--BOOK JACKET. The Restoration Movement is one of the largest Christian traditions indigenous to the United States--boasting nearly four million adherents. Over the last century, however, it has suffered internal division, isolationism, declining institutions, and widespread ignorance of its own roots. The dynamism and solidarity that once typified our churches appears to be fading, which has many asking if the Restoration Movement has lost all

momentum. Yet Jesus prayed for Christian unity and tied such unity to the world's belief (John 17). Only a united church will convince unbelievers that God sent Jesus as his ultimate expression of love for them. This prayer propelled the early Movement into action and may do so again today. This highly accessible book invites restorationists to rise above the partisanship of our day, rally around our core commitments, and lead out in our strengths. It informs readers about the modest origins, unique resources, and current challenges facing our churches. It fosters stimulating conversations about mission, race, creeds, Scripture, education, unity, humility, and relevance. If it's time for you, your congregation, or your students to encounter or recover their restoration roots, then this book is for you! With roots in British and American endeavors to restore apostolic Christianity, the Stone-Campbell Movement drew its inspiration from the independent efforts of nineteenth-century religious reformers Barton W. Stone and the father-son team of Thomas and Alexander Campbell. The union of these two movements in the 1830s and the growth of the new body thrust it into a place of significance in early nineteenth-century America, and it quickly spread to other parts of the English-speaking world. From its beginnings the Movement has developed into one of the most vital and diverse Christian traditions in the world. Today it encompasses three major

American communions - Churches of Christ, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and Christian Churches/Churches of Christ - as well as united churches in several other countries. This book summarizes the Trinitarian positions of the early shapers of the Stone-Campbell Movement and explains why this doctrine is important to all Christians. This rich and challenging book explores the roots or ancestry of the Churches of Christ and others who stand as heirs to the Stone-Campbell movement of the early nineteenth century. It asks, Where did we come from? How did we get this way? Why do we read the Bible the way we do? What has been the heart of our movement? And it asks further, What can we learn from those who have viewed restoration of apostolic Christianity in ways quite different from our own? The authors begin their story in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries - the age of Renaissance and Reformation. They isolate the stream of restorationist thought that arose in that age and then follow that stream through the Puritans, the early Baptists in America, the frenzy of pure beginnings in the early decades of American nationhood, and down to the Stone-Campbell movement. Though many of its early leaders were immigrants, most histories of the Stone-Campbell Movement have focused on the unique, American-only message of the Movement. Typically, the story tells the efforts of Christians seeking to restore New



Testament Christianity or to promote unity and cooperation among believers. Among the Early Evangelicals charts a new path showing convincingly that the earliest leaders of this Movement cannot be understood apart from a robust evangelical and missionary culture that traces its roots back to the eighteenth century. Leaders, including such luminaries as Thomas and Alexander Campbell, borrowed freely from the outlook, strategies, and methodologies of this transatlantic culture. More than simple Christians with a unique message shaped by frontier democratization, the adherents in the Stone-Campbell Movement were active participants in a broadly networked, uniquely evangelical enterprise. The first critical biography of Alexander Campbell, one of the founders of the Stone-Campbell Movement *A Life of Alexander Campbell* examines the core identity of a gifted and determined reformer to whom millions of Christians around the globe today owe much of their identity—whether they know it or not. Douglas Foster assesses principal parts of Campbell's life and thought to discover his significance for American Christianity and the worldwide movement that emerged from his work. He examines Campbell's formation in Ireland, his creation and execution of a reform of Christianity beginning in America, and his despair at the destruction of his vision by the American Civil War. *A Life of Alexander Campbell* shows why this important but sometimes

misunderstood and neglected figure belongs at the heart of the American religious story.

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