



# Bibliographies for Theology

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### 1. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS

Few figures have captured the Christian imagination as powerfully as the early 13th-century charismatic reformer Francis of Assisi (d. 1224). His radical commitment to poverty transformed how Christians saw Jesus and offered a relentless challenge to the power and riches of the medieval church.

#### Texts

The search for the historical Francis is ever bit as complicated as the search for the historical Jesus. The volume of medieval *Lives* of Francis of Assisi is staggering, running thousands of pages. The monumental collection of the lives of Francis is *Fontes Franciscani*, ed. Enrico Menesttò and Stefano Brufani (Assisi: Edizioni Porziuncola, 1995). This gathers the best Latin text of Francis's medieval biographers, including Thomas of Celano, Julian of Speyer, Bonaventure, as well as the famous *Legend of the Three Companions*. Much insight has come from the recovery of the surviving works of Francis himself. For a critical edition of the surviving Latin and Italian texts by Francis, see Kajetan Esser, *Die Opuscula des hl. Franziskus von Assisi*, Neue textkritische Edition, Zweite, erweiterte und verbesserte Ausflage besorgt von Engelbert Grau (Rome: Grottaferrata, 1989).

### Translations

Regis J. Armstrong, J. Wayne Hellmann, & William J. Short, 4 vol., *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents*. (Hyde Park, NY: New City Press, 1999-2001). This series is a remarkable achievement. It includes the complete translation of all the early lives of Francis and all the essential documents of the early Franciscan and movement. Solid translations and valuable notes. This replaces the older *Omnibus* edition (ed. Marion Habig, see below).

- Vol. 1: *The Saint* (1999). This contains the three works by Thomas of Celano as well as all the surviving writings of Francis himself.
- Vol. 2: *The Founder* (2000). This contains two of the most crucial lives of Francis: Bonaventure's *Legenda* and the *Legend of the Three Companions*.
- Vol. 3: *The Prophet* (2001). This includes the popular *Fioretti*, or *Little Flowers of St. Francis*.
- Vol. 4: *Index* (2002). Oddly published as a separate volume.

Regis Armstrong & Ignatius C. Brady, eds., *Francis & Clare: The Complete Works*, Classics of Western Spirituality (New York: Paulist Press, 1982).

Regis Armstrong, William J. Short, and J.A. Wayne Hellman, *Clare of Assisi: The Lady: Early Documents* (Brooklyn, NY: New City Press, 2007).

Regis Armstrong et al., eds., *The Franciscan Tradition*, Spirituality in History series (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2010).

Marion A. Habig, ed., *St. Francis of Assisi: Writings and Early Biographies, English Omnibus of Sources for the Life of St. Francis* (Chicago: Franciscan Herald Press, 1983).

## 2. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: STUDIES

Lawrence S. Cunningham, *Francis of Assisi: Performing the Gospel Life* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2004). This study offers an excellent introduction to the life, times, and teaching of Francis of Assisi. Cunningham writes for a broad audience and teaches readers how to approach things with a critical eye, how to cut through the sentimentality that often clouds the radicalism and challenge of Francis' life and message. He concludes with a helpful essay on recent studies on Francis and the Franciscans.

Michael Robson, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Francis of Assisi*, Cambridge Companions to Religion (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012). An excellent collection of essays on Francis and the early Franciscans.

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Rosalind B. Brooke, *The Image of St. Francis: Responses to Sainthood in the Thirteenth Century* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006).

- Donal Cooper and Janet Robson, *The Making of Assisi: The Pope, the Franciscans, and the Painting of the Basilica* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2013) hardcover, \$75. NEW.
- Arnaldo Fortini, *Francis of Assisi*, trans. Helen Moak (New York: Crossroad, 1980). Translation of 1959 work; thorough, but rather hagiographic. Fortini was the former mayor of Assisi and spent years combing the city archives.
- Chiara Frugoni, *Francis of Assisi* (New York: Continuum, 1998).
- Adrian House, *Francis of Assisi* (New York: Paulist Press, 2001).
- Leslie S. Knox, *Creating Clare of Assisi: Female Franciscan Identities in Later Medieval Italy* (Boston: Brill Academic Publishers, 2008).
- Jacques LeGoff, *Saint Francis of Assisi*, trans. Christine Rhone (New York: Routledge, 2003). A collection of essays on Francis and the Franciscans. LeGoff attunes readers to the social context and dynamics.
- Raoul Manselli, *Saint Francis of Assisi* (Chicago: Franciscan Herald, 1988).
- Joan Mueller, *Clare of Assisi: The Letters to Agnes* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2003).
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- Michael Robson, *The Franciscans in the Middle Ages*, Monastic Orders series (Boydell, 2009).
- Michael Robson, *Saint Francis of Assisi: The Legend and the Life* (New York: Continuum, 2000).
- Roger D. Sorrell, *St. Francis of Assisi and Nature: Tradition and Innovation in Western Christian Attitudes toward the Environment* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009).
- Augustine Thompson, *Francis of Assisi: A New Biography* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2012).
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- Andre Vauchez, *Francis of Assisi: The Life and Afterlife of a Medieval Saint* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2012).
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### 3. BONAVENTURE: TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS

#### Texts

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(Patterson, NJ: St. Anthony Guild Press, 1960-1970), is still useful; it offers a complete translation of Bonaventure's final work, the *Collations on the Six Days* (*Collationes in Hexaemeron*).

### Translations

Bonaventure, *The Soul's Journey into God, The Tree of Life, The Life of St. Francis*, trans. Ewert Cousins, Classics of Western Spirituality (New York: Paulist Press, 1978). Bonaventure's mystical masterpiece is the *Mind's Journey into God* (*Itinerarium mentis in Deum*). The theme of the ascent of the inner person to God is an ancient one—but Bonaventure brings the Franciscan depth and warmth of feeling to this age-old theme. This volume also includes Bonaventure's classic *Life of Francis*.

Philotheus Boehner and Zachary Hayes, eds., *Itinerarium Mentis in Deum*, Vol. 2 of *Works of St. Bonaventure*, rev. ed. (St. Bonaventure, NY: Franciscan Institute Publications, 2002). This recent translation includes the Latin text on facing pages and has excellent notes.

## 4. BONAVENTURE: STUDIES

Zachary Hayes, "Bonaventure: Mystery of the Triune God," in Kenan Osborne, ed., *The History of Franciscan Theology* (St. Bonaventure, NY: Franciscan Institute, 1994). Bonaventure (d.1274) was superior general of the Franciscans, a superb scholastic theologian, and a mystical writer of the first order. While there are several fine introductions to Bonaventure's theology, this one carefully balances precision, lucidity, and brevity. The volume as a whole offers an excellent overview of the Franciscan contribution to medieval theology and devotes other chapters to Alexander of Hales, Duns Scotus, and Ockham.

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- J.A. Hellmann, *Divine and Created Order in Bonaventure's Theology*, trans. Jay M. Hammond (Quincy, IL: Franciscan Press, 2001).
- Timothy Johnson, *Iste Pauper Clamavit: Saint Bonaventure's Mendicant Theology of Prayer*, Europäische Hochschulschriften, Theology (Series XXIII), vol. 390 (Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 1990).
- Timothy Johnson, *The Soul in Ascent: Bonaventure on Poverty, Prayer, and Union with God* (Quincy, IL: Franciscan Press, 2001).
- Bernard McGinn, *The Flowering of Mysticism: Men and Women in the New Mysticism* (New York: Crossroad, 1998), 87-116.
- Joseph Ratzinger, *The Theology of History in St. Bonaventure*, trans. Zachary Hayes (Chicago: Franciscan Herald Press, 1981).
- George H. Tavard, *Transcency and Permanence: The Nature of Theology According to Bonaventure* (St. Bonaventure, NY: The Franciscan Institute, 1954).

## 5. THE FRANCISCAN ORDER: STUDIES

- John Moorman, *History of the Franciscan Order: From its Origins to the Year 1517* (1965; Chicago: Franciscan Herald Press, 1988). The first 100 pages of this offers a helpful portrait of Francis of Assisi. It also has a discussion of one of the most interesting episodes in Church history: the fight between the Papacy and the Franciscan Spirituals.
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Arthur Stephen McGrade, ed., *William of Ockham: A Letter to the Friars Minor and Other Writings*, Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1995).

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Simon Tugwell, ed., *Early Dominicans: Selected Writings*, Classics of Western Spirituality (New York: Paulist Press, 1982). It has key documents from and about not only Dominic but his great co-worker and successor, Jordan of Saxony. The bulk of the text is Humbert of Romans' great work, *Treatise on the Formation of Preachers*, which better than anything else defines Dominican spirituality. The introductory essay by Tugwell is superb.

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Richard Woods, *Mysticism and Prophecy: The Dominican Tradition*, Traditions of Christian Spirituality Series (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1998).

## 7. POPULAR MEDIEVAL SPIRITUALITY

- Jacques LeGoff, *The Birth of Purgatory*, trans. Arthur Goldhammer (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1984). A brilliant case-study in the development of Catholic doctrine and spirituality. LeGoff gives lengthy excerpts from hard-to-find sources—including entertaining examples of medieval visions and dreams of purgatory. LeGoff claims purgatory was “invented” between 1150 and 1200.
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