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# Christians, Catholics, Protestants: The Religious Links of Britain and Ireland with Continental Europe, c.1689–1800

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# **Abstract**

This article seeks to emphasize the transnational nature of Christianity in Britain and Ireland between the Glorious Revolution and the end of the war against revolutionary France. It offers a different view to established accounts of the relationship between religion and national identity, and invites readers to conceptualize Protestantism, Catholicism, and Christian belief generally as uniting the British and Irish with co-religionists elsewhere in Europe. So long as Catholicism on the Continent remained a powerful and expansionary force, Protestants in Britain and Ireland had reason to make common cause with Protestants in mainland Europe. So long as Catholics in Ireland and in Britain were subjected to penal legislation, they looked to the Continent for support and for opportunities. And so long as Christianity itself was seen as under threat—whether from the Ottomans in the early decades of the period, or from the atheism associated with the French Revolution at its end—Christians of all kinds in Britain and Ireland might see themselves as part of a wider Christian community that transcended national boundaries.

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