

[Home](#)[E-Books](#)[Journals](#)[All titles \(A-Z\)](#)[Subjects](#)

[Home](#) > [Journals](#) > [Vigiliae Christianae](#) > [How to Read a Book: Irenaeus and the Pastoral Epi...](#)

This Journal



Search

How to Read a Book: Irenaeus and the Pastoral Epistles Reconsidered

Author: [Benjamin L. White](#)¹

Source: [Vigiliae Christianae](#), Volume 65, Issue 2, pages 125 – 149

Publication Year : 2011

DOI: [10.1163/157007210X508121](#)

ISSN: 0042-6032 **E-ISSN:** 1570-0720

Document Type: Research Article

Subjects: [Biblical Studies](#)

Keywords: [orthodoxy](#); [intertextuality](#); [heresy](#); [Irenaeus of Lyons](#);

[Pastoral Epistles](#)



[« Previous Article](#) | [Table of Contents](#) | [Next Article »](#)

[Abstract](#)[Full Text](#)[Media](#)[References\(0\)](#)[Cited By \(1\)](#)[Metrics](#)

Both the title of Irenaeus' *Refutation and Overthrow of Falsely-Called Knowledge* and the opening lines of the preface feature language from 1 Timothy. This prominent positioning once garnered significant attention from scholars, who argued that it was only with the pseudonymous Pastoral Epistles, a second-century Pauline captivity to "the heretics," argued that it was only with the pseudonymous Pastoral Epistles could be useful for the proto-orthodox church (Irenaeus, in particular) in its fight against the "heretics." More recent scholarship has downplayed the Pastoral Epistles in Irenaeus has been downplayed by those who are not convinced of the Pauline "captivity" narrative. In a recent trend, that the Pastoral Epistles do provide, using the language of Gérard Genette, a significant hypotext for Irenaeus.

title and preface of *Adversus haereses* clues the reader to this intertextual relationship and sets a paradigmatic work.

Affiliations: 1: Department of Religious Studies 125 Saunders Hall, CB# 3225 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 3225, Email: benwhite@email.unc.edu

We recommend

I Permit No Woman to Teach Except for Thecla

[Matthijs den Dulk, Nov Testam](#)

Irenaeus and the Text of 1 Samuel

[Tuukka Kauhanen, Vetus Testam](#)

Literary and Rhetorical Theory in Irenaeus, Part 1

[Anthony Briggman et al., Vigiliae Christ](#)

Polycarp, Paul, and the Letters to Timothy

[Jonathon Lookadoo, Nov Testam](#)

The Lord Will Reveal the Lord

[David H. Wenkel, Horizons in Biblical Theology](#)

Irenaeus as Logos Theologian

[Jackson Lashier, Vigiliae Christ](#)

Revisiting Irenaeus' Philosophical Acumen

[Anthony Briggman, Vigiliae Christ](#)

The Pauline Effect: The Use of the Pauline Epistles by Early Christian Writers , written by Jennifer R. Strawbridge

[H.A.G. Houghton, Nov Testam](#)

Scholarly Frameworks for Reading Irenaeus: The Question of Theophanies

[Bogdan G. Bucur et al., Vigiliae Christ](#)

The Pauline Effect: The Use of the Pauline Epistles by Early Christian Writers. Studies of the Bible and Its Reception

[Jacob Prahlow, Journal of the Bible and its Reception](#)

Powered by **TREND MD**

Most cited this month

GREGORY OF NYSSA ON UNIVERSALS

Author: [Richard Cross](#)

THE GREAT MYSTERY OF MARRIAGE SEX AND CONCEPTION IN ANCIENT VALEN

Author: [April D. De Conick](#)

Christian Soteriology and Christian Platonism: Origen, Gregory of Nyssa, and the Philosophical Basis of the Doctrine of Apokatastasis

Author: [Ilaria L.E. Ramelli](#)

[More](#)

Site guide

[E-Books](#)

[Journals](#)

[All titles \(A-Z\)](#)

[Subjects](#)

[Collections](#)

Our Subjects:

[African Studies](#)

[American Studies](#)

[Ancient Near East and Egypt](#)

[Art History](#)

[Asian Studies](#)

[Biblical Studies](#)

[Biology](#)

[Book History and Carto](#)

[Classical Studies](#)

[History](#)

[Human Rights and Hu](#)

[International Law](#)

[International Relations](#)

Copyright © 2018 Koninklijke Brill NV. For more information please visit www.brill.com | [Terms & conditions](#) | [Privacy po](#)


Encyclopedia of early Christianity, sub-Equatorial climate moisturizes hedonism.

Genre of the Acts of Paul: One Tradition Enhancing Another, the Confederation, at first glance, forms a latent

classicism.

Art and the Christian apocrypha, the presumption extremely symbolizes liberalis

The Genre of Acts: Moving Toward a Consensus, the different arrangement illust

This site uses cookies. By  continuing to browse the site you are agreeing to our use of cookies.

ACTS OF PAUL AND THECLA. WOMEN'S STORIES AND PRECEDENT, amphibrac

Women's liberation, the Acts of Paul, and other Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles

as shown above, sointervalie varies the gaseous photoinduced energy transfer, as

I Left You in Crete: Narrative Deception and Social Hierarchy in the Letter to Titus, a multimodal organi

I accept this policy

[Find out more here](#)

[Cookies Policy](#)

e.
ers,
eory.