

»In this study an effort is made to offer an overall picture on the life at the Holy Mountain throughout the centuries, as it comes out from its historical vicissitudes, its organisational institutions, its religious art, and its spiritual quest« (p. 10).

Accordingly, the material is presented in 14 chapters. Through the present study, Mount Athos sends three messages or signals to the world: a) the message of ecumenicity, b) the message of sanctification, and c) the message of communion with the transcendent reality (pp. 1–10).

Two desiderata are of special importance for Mount Athos, a) the preparation of a bibliographical guide for the Holy Mountain, and b) the publication of an Athonian periodical.

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*Adrian Hastings, A History of English Christianity 1920–1985, London: Collins/Fount Paper Backs, 1987, pp. 720.*

The author, a Roman Catholic priest and university professor, had been writing this text for a period of seven years. Chronologically the book starts from 1920, immediately after the end of World War I (1914–1918), and closes with the year 1985. According to the author:

»The enterprise has been necessarily conditioned by three very important factors. The first was a quantitative limitation ... The second is that the book is based overwhelmingly upon secondary material ... The third is that the book depends unblushingly upon my own view of things«, p. 12.

Seven parts, with appropriate sub-divisions, cover the full story. This volume gives an overall picture or a panoramic view of Christianity in England (1920–1985). The Church of England, Catholicism, and the Free Churches are included within this story of Christianity in England. The Eastern Orthodox Church is almost absent from this book. Some information though, mostly indirect in character, about this Church can be found in pp. 96 f, 204, 215, 292, 329, 395, 522, 524, 605 f, 610, 613, 644, 647.

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*Christos Krikonis, Προλεγόμενα εις την Έπανεκδοσιν του Περιοδικου »Εκκλησιαστική Αλήθεια Κωνσταντινουπόλεως 1880–1923« και του Παραρτήματος Αυτου »Ο Νέος Ποιμήν 1919–1923«, offprint from Κληρονομία 16 (1984), Thessalonique, 1986, pp. α' — ζ', 272–342.*

*Ekklesiastike Aletheia*, an official theological and ecclesiastical periodical of the Ecumenic Patriarchate, completed 40 volumes during the years 1880–1923. It is an important tool for the study of the life and the history of the Church of Constantinople.

Presently, the Patriarchal Institute for Patristic Studies in Thessalonique is on the way of publishing anew this important periodical. In the beginning, there is a relevant note by the same institute and a patriarchal letter (pp. 273–275).