

# "The Darkening Age: Christian Destruction of the Classical World" - By Catherine Nixey (2018)

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This is a subject I don't know much about and think it would help us to discuss more. I therefore want to dramatically expand this discussion. We'll set up a separate forum for History and have a section for the conflict between monotheism and Epicurean and other non-monotheistic cultures. I'll change the title of this thread to make it more descriptive, and we can add other threads for other similar works.

When we set up the Forum section, we'll set up threads (or subforums) for at least the following works:

1. *The Rise and Fall of Alexandria*, by Justin Pollard and Howard Reid

There are a few chapters in this book that deal with the rise of Christianity, the murder of Hypatia, and the destruction of the Serapeum. The decline of Alexandria was also captured by the mournful verses of the pagan poet Palladus: "Is it not true that we are dead, and living only in appearance, we Hellenes, fallen on disaster, likening life to a dream, for while we remain alive our way of life is dead and gone."

2. Gibbon's *Decline and Fall* (Sections on the rise of Christianity and its contribution to the fall of Rome)
3. *Historia Ecclesiastica*, by Socrates Scholasticus

A history of the church written by a Christian living in the 5th century

4. *Criminal History of Christianity* - (German work by Karlheinz Deschner (1986-2013))

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kriminalg...es\\_Christentums](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kriminalg...es_Christentums)

If anyone is aware of similar books/works that should be included, please post.