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Fr Luka Maher Series

1. 1st and 2nd Century - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqoskaxKhmA>
2. 3rd and 4th Century - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkmWqlUFJyo>
3. 4th Century - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TO_0-FV1Teo
4. 5th Century - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVHKvFmzZo0>
5. 5th and 6th Century - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4Q0qs2Y0BI>

Ecumenical Councils

Theology Academy Series

1. The Arian Controversy before the Nicene Council
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQbcEwS8ArU>
2. The First Nicene Council of AD 325: Uniting the Early Church
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKd_5ULqIfI
3. The Cappadocians: Prelude to the Council of Constantinople
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPOR3ik_5DA
4. The Council of Constantinople
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6oqkoZZwG4>
5. The Nicene Constantinopolitan Creed: A Foundation of Christian Orthodoxy
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmzkyBvU_MA
6. Cyril vs Nestorius: The Battle for Christ's Identity
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLBZZsfj7j8>
7. Council of Ephesus Explained: Key Decisions, History, and Impact on Christianity
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nh1_K1sAzRY

Council of Chalcedon Re-Examined - Fr. V.C. Samuel

This sentence summarizes the bulk of the book.

"The fact about the council of Chalcedon, which the present writer has shown elsewhere, may be noted here: It abrogated the decisions of the second council of Ephesus without ever examining them against the background of their theological assumptions; it proceeded from the beginning by consider Eutyches a confirmed heretic, showing at the same time no concern at all to establish that fact against him in the light of evidence or at least stating in clear terms what his teaching was; it exonerated Flavian of Constantinople and Eusebius of Dorylaeum, the president of the synod of 448 and the accuser of Eutyches respectively, without looking into the ground of their condemnation by the council of 449; it ratified a sentence of deposition passed against patriarch Dioscorus of Alexandria by a section of the delegates, specifying no definite charge against him; it adopted a definition of the faith with the phrase 'in two natures' in the face of a determined opposition from a large majority of the council's delegates, including patriarch Anatolius of Constantinople; and it acquitted Theodoret of Cyrus and Ibas of Edessa, both of them highly controversial figures, without examining whether there was any ground at all for the charges that had been levelled against them in an impartial way, so that the council of 553 had to pass a resolution justifying the decision, not of Chalcedon, but of Ephesus in 449."

Coptic History Books

1. Coptic Christianity in Ottoman Egypt - Dr Febe Armanios
 - <https://www.amazon.com/Coptic-Christianity-Ottoman-Egypt-Armanios/dp/0190247223>
2. From Byzantine to Islamic Egypt - Maged SA Mikhail
 - On the bookshelf
3. The Coptic Christian Heritage: History, Faith and Culture - Lois M Farag
 - <https://www.amazon.com/Coptic-Christian-Heritage-History-Culture/dp/0415781035>
 - The Early Islamic Period (641-1517): From the Arab Conquest Through Mamluk Rule - Maged SA Mikhail
 - The Ottoman Period (1517-1798): Beyond Persecution or Tolerance - Dr Febe Armanios
 - The Pre-Modern Period (1798-1952): The Age of Citizenship and Reform - Maged Hanna
 - The Modern Period (1952 - 2011): An Era of Trials, Tribulations, and Triumphs
4. Coptic Civilization: Two Thousand Years of Christianity in Egypt-Gawdat Gabra
 - <https://www.amazon.com/Coptic-Civilization-Thousand-Years-Christianity/dp/9774166558>
 - Coptic Church History - Youhanna Nessim Youssef
5. Two Thousand Years of Coptic Christianity - Otto Meinardus
 - On the bookshelf

HH Pope Shenouda - Resources

Exile to Monastery

- Time Magazine (9/28/1981) - <https://time.com/archive/6698821/religion-egypts-copts-in-crisis/>
- UPI (9/5/1981) - <https://www.upi.com/Archives/1981/09/05/President-Anwar-Sadat-announced-sweeping-measures-to-confront-a/1313368510400/>
- NY Times (9/6/1981) - <https://www.nytimes.com/1981/09/06/world/coptic-pope-deposed-in-sadat-crackdown-on-religious-groups.html>
- WaPo (9/5/1981) - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/politics/1981/09/06/sadat-acts-against-extremists/e7d68100-1299-4cd1-9d17-6114c4910e10/>

The Crusades

Part 1:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Umu5rokUqx8&list=PLzjQv4A03oikkX4ba9CevtZGoNbODQwLG&index=4>

5 Myths About the Crusades

1. The Crusades were unprovoked invasions of the Middle East
 - The Crusades were not unprovoked because they were a reaction to 400 years of aggressive Islamic expansion into Christendom and involved the reconquest of lands that had previously been Christian
 - The Crusades were not unprovoked because Muslims severely mistreated the Christians living under Islamic regimes
2. The Crusades involved forcibly converting people to Christianity
3. The Crusaders were proto-colonists motivated by greed
4. The Crusaders are the cause of the present conflict in the Middle East
5. The Crusades were fundamentally un-Christian endeavors

Part 2:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuN9W_bRehg&list=PLzjQv4A03oikkX4ba9CevtZGoNbODQwLG&index=3

The Rise of Islam and the Reconquista

Part 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iXep-NOhAho&list=PLzjQv4A03oikkX4ba9CevtZGoNbODQwLG>

The First Crusade