

# ***John Wesley Eschatology Sources***

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Wesley was a prolific reader and many sources informed his eschatology in all its particulars. The following is a topical listing of major sources he read.

## Animal Souls & Salvation

John Hildrop, *Free Thoughts upon the Brute Creation*, 2 vol. (1742).

Humphrey Ditton, *A Discourse Concerning the Resurrection of Christ...with an appendix concerning...the nature of human souls and of the brutes* (1712).

John Locke, *Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (1690).

## Apostasy

George Fox, *Journal* (1694).

Thomas Hartley, *Paradise Restored* (1764).

## Chain of Being

Charles Bonnet, *La Palingenesie philosophique* (2<sup>nd</sup> edn., 1770).

John Hildrop, *Free Thoughts upon the Brute Creation*, 2 vol. (1742).

John Ray, *The Wisdom of God Manifested in the Work of the Creation*, 2 vols. (10th edn., 1735).

## Church Fathers

Augustine, Barnabas, Cyprian, Irenaeus, Justin Martyr, Lanctantius, Melito, Methodius, Origen, Papias, Tertullian.

## Classical Authors

Cicero, Homer, Juvenal, Ovid, Virgil.

## Conflagration

James Knight, *A Discourse on the Conflagration and Renovation of the World* (1736).

### Constantine the Great

Thomas Newton, *Dissertations on the Prophecies, which have remarkably been fulfilled, and at this time are fulfilling the world* (2<sup>nd</sup> edn., 1760. Note: Wesley sharply disagreed with Newton).

### Destruction of Jerusalem, AD 70

Flavius Josephus, *History of the Jewish War* (1<sup>st</sup> Century).

### Natural Phenomenon (Earthquakes, etc.)

Thomas Burnet, *The Sacred Theory of the Earth*, 2 vols. (1684-1690).

Thomas Hartley, *Paradise Restored* (1764).

John Ray, *The Wisdom of God Manifested in the Work of the Creation*, 2 vols. (10<sup>th</sup> edn., 1735).

William Whiston, *New Theory of the Earth* (1691).

### Intermediate State

Archibald Campbell, *The Doctrines of a Middle State Between death and the Resurrection* (1721).

John Flavell, *Husbandry Spiritualized* (1740).

Thomas Deacon, *Compleat Collection of Devotions* (1734).

### Papacy

Bartolomeo Platina, *Lives of the Popes* (1479).

### Papal Inquisition

Samuel Chandler, *The History of Persecution* (1736).

Michael Geddes, *A View of the Inquisition of Portugal; with a list of the Prisoners which came out of the Inquisition of Lisbon* (1682, 1730).

### Plurality of Inhabitable Worlds<sup>1</sup>

Louis Dutens, *Inquiry into the Origin of the Discoveries Attributed to the Moderns* (1769).

Bovier de Fontenelle, *Conversations On the Plurality of Worlds* (4 English translations: 1688-1760).

### Poetry & Quotes

John Milton, *Paradise Lost* (1667).

### Punishments in Hell

Thomas Boston, *Human Nature in Its Fourfold State* (1720).

### Postmillennialism

Johann Bengel, *Gnomon Novi Testamenti* (1742).<sup>2</sup>

Philip Doddridge, *The Family Expositor*, 6 vols. (1736-56).

John Guyse, *A Practical Exposition of the Four Evangelists, in the Form of a Paraphrase, with Occasional Notes*, 3 vols. (1739-42).

### Premillennialism & Restoration of Paradise on Earth

Thomas Burnet, *The Sacred Theory of the Earth*, 2 vols. (1684-1690).

Thomas Hartley, *Paradise Restored* (1764).

William Whiston, *New Theory of the Earth* (1691).

### State of the Nations in the World<sup>3</sup>

Edward Brerewood, *Enquiries Touching the Diversities of Languages and Religions Through the Chief Parts of the Earth* (1614).

Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, *Letters* (1763).

Bartholomew Ziegenbalg, *The Propagation of the Gospel in the East* (1718).

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<sup>1</sup> This subject comes up in the sermon, "The New Creation."

<sup>2</sup> Wesley read several of Bengel's works. See his Introduction to Revelation.

<sup>3</sup> See "The General Spread of the Gospel."