

BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR JEWISH-CHRISTIAN STUDIES
Accompanying the Ancient Faith series by Fr Gabriel Rochelle

Some books in the bibliography are difficult and require specialized knowledge; others will yield much fruit to people of an average education. Those that are particularly useful and fairly easy to read are marked with an asterisk.

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