



Mythography and Diaspora: The Waldensians of North Carolina and their Books

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Who were the Waldensians?

G. Dore, Massacre of the Waldensians of Mérindol in 1545



- Medieval heretic religion
- Similar in many ways to the Franciscans
- Founded by Peter Waldo or Valdo
- Persecuted into hiding
- “Proto Protestant”

Statue of Peter Waldo at the Luther Memorial at Worms, Germany

Des boudises



Passé martin



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Waldensians represented
As witches, about 12th c.



T. Lilly Pinxit

L. Lombart Sculpit

SAMUEL MORLANDIVS, SEKND D^N
GALLIÆ, LYCERNI, SABAVDIAE
INTERVENTVS, ET DEINDE



PROTECTORIS, AD REGEM
DE REPV^B VALLENSIVM
EXTRA ORDINÉ COMMISSARIVS

THE
HISTORY
OF
The Evangelical Churches
Of the VALLEYS of
PIEMONTE.

CONTAINING
A most exact *Geographical* Description of the Place, and
a faithfull Account of the Doctrine, Life, and Persecutions of
the Ancient Inhabitants.

TOGETHER,
With a most naked and punctual Relation of the late
BLOODY MASSACRE, 1655. And a Narrative of
all the following Transactions, to the Year of Our LORD,
1658.

All which are justified, partly by divers Ancient *Manuscripts*
written many hundred Years before CALVIN or LUTHER, and
partly by other most Authentick Attestations: The true
Originals of the greatest part whereof, are to be seen in their proper Languages
by all the curious, in the Publick Library of the famous University
of CAMBRIDGE.

Collected and compiled with much pains and industry,
By SAMUEL MORLAND, Esq;
During his abode in Geneva, in quality of HIS
HIGHNESS *Commissary Extraordinary* for the Affairs
of the said VALLEYS, and particularly for the
Distribution of the Collected Moneys, among the remnant of
those poor distressed People.

REVVL. 6, 9,

That when he hath opened the 10th Chapter, it shall appear, that the said Author, did not here intend, for the sake of any
and on the title page of each copy, he hath inserted, that the said Author, did not here intend, for the sake of any
any, nor did he intend, to give any high opinion, that each of the said

LONDON

Printed by Henry Hills, one of His Highness's Printers, for *Admiral*
Byfield, and are to be sold at the three Bibles, in Cornhill, next to Popes-head
Alley, 1658.



Early Modern followers

Piedmont Easter, 1655

Iconic image from this work and honestly one of the tamest

From: Samuel Morland *The History of The Evangelical Churches of the Valleys of the Piemont*, 1658



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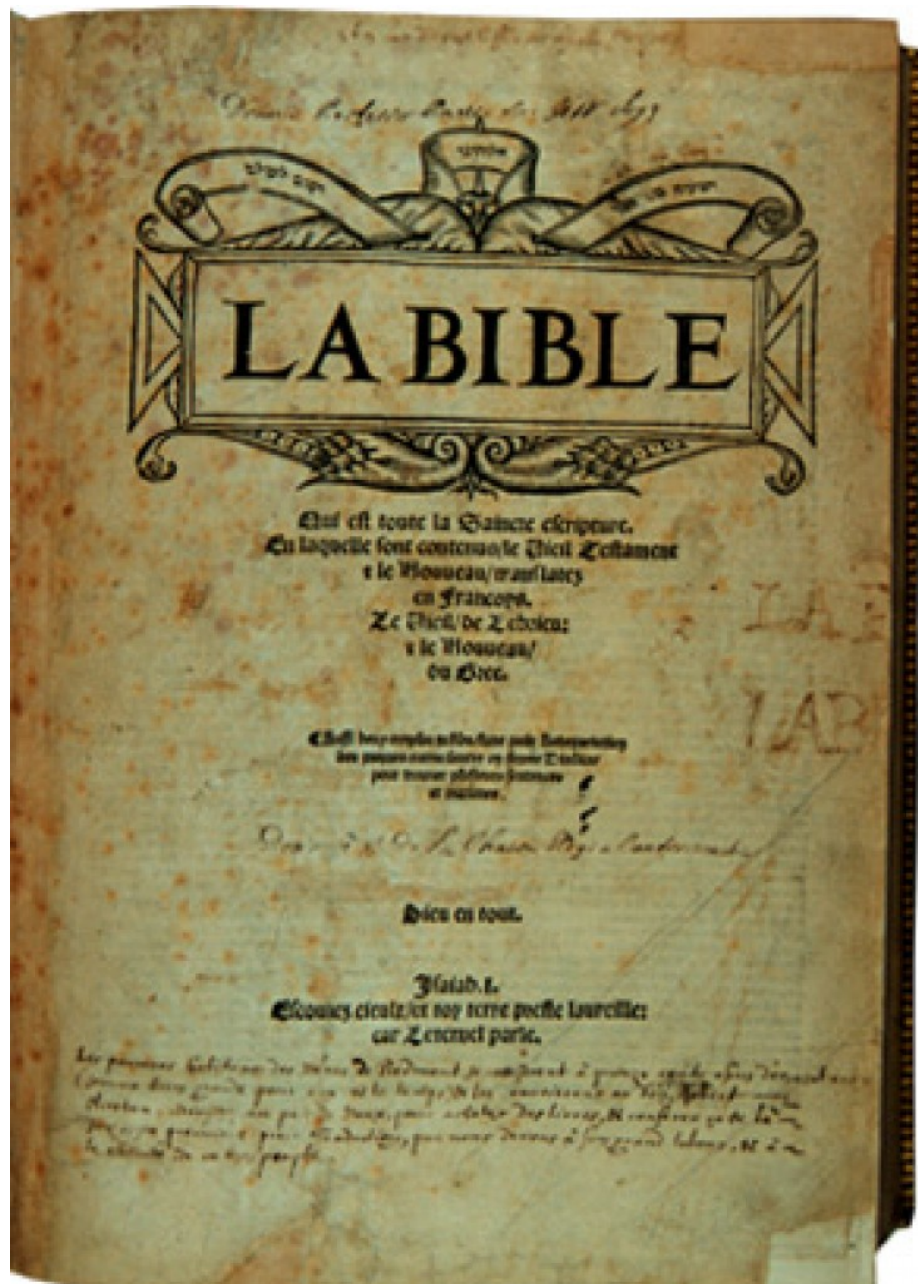
On the Late Massacre in Piedmont

Avenge, O Lord, thy slaughtered saints, whose bones
Lie scattered on the Alpine mountains cold,
Even them who kept thy truth so pure of old,
When all our fathers worshiped stocks and stones;
Forget not: in thy book record their groans
Who were thy sheep and in their ancient fold
Slain by the bloody Piedmontese that rolled
Mother with infant down the rocks. Their moans
The vales redoubled to the hills, and they
To Heaven. Their martyred blood and ashes sow
O'er all th' Italian fields where still doth sway
The triple tyrant; that from these may grow
A hundredfold, who having learnt thy way
Early may fly the Babylonian woe.



Ford Madox Brown's painting *Cromwell, Protector of the Vaudois*

servient to that great end, which *You* have proposed to *your Self* ever since *Providence* blest these *Three Nations* with *Your* happy Government, Namely, the promoting of the general interest of Gods people throughout the *Christian world*. It is an observation of that Excellent



Pierre Robert Olivétan
(c.1506-1538)





Numb. 3501.



THE
Flying-Post :
OR, THE
POST-MASTER.



From THURSDAY June 10, to SATURDAY June 12. 1714.

THE Motto I have chose for this Paper is one of those excellent Expressions recorded in an Epistle which the learned and sweet-temper'd Melancthon wrote in the Year 1533. to the Protestant **Waldenses**, whom he saluted by the Name of *Brethren*. I heartily wish that all Protestants, especially in these her Majesty's Dominions, were now a days of the same calm, loving, and truly Christian Temper; and that some of our Peers would in this Instance imitate the late Duke of Buckingham, whose Opinion, 'tis hoped, as he was a good Statesman, a good Churchman, and a Man of Reason, will signify something at this time of day. Therefore I shall insert the following Speech of his, made in the House of Lords in King Charles II's Time, when Persecution was rampant, and the Nation found the ill effects of it, as it always will, sooner or later.

The Duke's Speech in the House of Lords.

Protestant
“International”

PROTESTANT THE VINDICATOR,

IN DEFENCE OF CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AGAINST THE INROADS OF POPERY.

“GREAT IS TRUTH AND WILL PREVAIL.”

No. 18—Vol. 4—New Series.

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1842.

Editor.—DR. BROWNLEE.



“A Light Shining in the Darkness”

BURKE.

Her Majority is About 400—25 Waldensians Cast Their First Vote.

Special to The Observer.

Morganton, Aug. 3.—Yesterday's election was the quietest ever known in Burke county. Later returns do not change the estimate forwarded last night of 400 majority for the entire Democratic ticket. Two remote mountain precincts have not yet reported. Manly McDowell's majority for sheriff will exceed 800. Much credit is due Mr. A. C. Avery, Jr., the county Democratic chairman, and the members of the committee, for the fine work done during the campaign.

Much regret is expressed here over the defeat of the Democrats in Caldwell county, and the defection is regarded as only temporary.

In yesterday's election about 25 of the Waldensian colonists, recently admitted to citizenship, cast their ballots for white supremacy.

WALDENSIANS HEAR SPEECHES.

Italian Ambassador Visits the Valdese Colony in Company With Mr. Richards, of the Southern Railway.

Special to The Observer.

Morganton, April 15.—The Italian ambassador, Signor Des Planches, of Washington, paid a visit to the Waldensian colony at Valdese, in this county, to-day, the colonists, numbering several hundred, greeted him upon his arrival. He addressed the colonists at a mass meeting held in the magnificent church erected by that people. The ambassador congratulated them upon their success and predicted a bright future for them in their North Carolina homes. Addresses were also made by Rev. Mr. Gulgo, and Land Commissioner M. V. Richards, of the Southern Railway. The ambassador will visit several Southern States for the purpose of studying the opportunities for the settlement of Italians seeking homes and employment in the United States. The Southern Railway Company is taking an active interest in the movement looking to the settlement of thrifty immigrants in the South.

- Waldensians were seen as model immigrants. Italian, sure, but not Catholic
- Weberian industrious Protestants

THE CITIZENS OF VALDESE.
 Col. Henry C. Williams Talks of the Prosperous Waldensians of Burke County—A Fine Lot of Foreigners—Good Farmers and Desirable Citizens.

SWIMMING POOL POPULAR AT VALDESE; WALDENSIANS HAVE MADE A FINE RECORD

"These little Italians make everything at home; they have the best that the soil will produce. Their peaches, grapes and other fruit are of the best quality. They sell the surplus. I have never seen people improve and prosper as the inhabitants of Valdese have done. When

"The Waldensians came here from Northern Italy. They belong to the Presbytery of North Carolina, and are making good citizens. I never heard of one of them being sick. The women are strong, robust, go without corsets, and make faithful wives and good mothers.

VALDESE IS SEEN AS GRAPE JUICE CENTER
 With Passing of Wine Business, Thrifty Waldensians Turn Attention to Bryan's Drink.

THE WALDENSIANS
 People Who Set the Pace in Thrift and Enterprise.

STATE SOON TO HAVE MACARONI FACTORY
 Waldensians of Burke County Attract Attention of Department of Commerce.



Waldensian Costume

PAULA

THE WALDENSIAN

by Eva Lecomte



Myth and representation



Kingdom Come Deliverance Waldensians side quest guide – How to find the Waldensian congregation and persuade Mistress Bauer to flee

www.kingdomcomerpg.com



Myth and representation, 2018 video game with a Waldensian story line (Kingdom Come Deliverance)