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Christoph Markschies (born 1962) studied Protestant Theology, Classical Philology and Philosophy in Marburg, Jerusalem, Munich and Tübingen. He gained his doctorate in 1991 and his 'Habilitation' in 1994, both at the University of Tübingen. He has held chairs in Early Christian Ecclesiastical History and History of Theology in Jena (1994-2000) and Heidelberg (2000-2004) and has taught since 2004 in Berlin, where he was also President of the Humboldt-Universität from 2006 to 2010. In 1998/1999 he was a Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin and in 1999/2000 of the Institute for Advanced Studies of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. In 2007 he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Faculty of Orthodox Theology of the 'Lucian Blaga' University of Sibiu, Romania. In 2011 he received a further honorary doctorate from the Faculty of Theology at the University of Oslo. He is a member of the Academies of Sciences in Erfurt and Heidelberg, the European Academy of Sciences and Arts and the Academia Europaea, and of various scholarly advisory boards (including that of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation and the German Protestant Institute of Archaeology in Jerusalem). He is also a Corresponding Member of the German Archaeological Institute and in 2001 he was awarded the Leibniz Prize of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation). He has written and edited numerous publications, including short introductions to his field such as *Arbeitsbuch Kirchengeschichte* (1995), *Das antike Christentum* (2006) and *Antike ohne Ende* (2008).

Since 1999 Christoph Markschies has been an Ordinary Member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities. Since 2003 he has been Director of its Turfan Commission and, as Secretary of the Humanities Class, a member of the Academy's Board and Council. He was Director of the Academy Project 'Die Griechischen Christlichen Schriftsteller der ersten Jahrhunderte' (The Greek Christian writers of the early Church; 1999 – 2010), he was Spokesman of the Interdisciplinary Research Groups 'Welt als Bild' (The World as Image) and 'Bildkulturen' (Pictorial Cultures) from 2005 to 2011 and, since 2011, he has been Project Director of the Academy Project 'Alexandrinische und antiochenische Bibelexegese in der Spätantike' (The Late Antique Biblical Exegesis of Alexandria and Antioch).