

Controversial Literature H 1472

BACKGROUND: The form subdivision **-Controversial literature** is used under headings for individual religions, sects or denominations, under religious and monastic orders, and under sacred works, for works that argue against or express opposition toward those groups or works. The practice of using the subdivision under headings for general religious and philosophical topics was discontinued in 1998. The practice of using the subdivision for works that argue either for or against the topic and of further subdividing it by **-Pro** or **-Con** was discontinued in 1972. The form subdivision **-Apologetic works** is used under names of religions or denominations for works explaining the religion or denomination and defending it against criticism from the outside. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for assigning the subdivisions **-Controversial literature** and **-Apologetic works**.

1. Religions, denominations, etc. Use the free-floating subdivision **-Controversial literature** under religions and their sects, Christian denominations, and monastic and religious orders for works that express opposition to these organizations and their beliefs, especially those written by authors from outside the group being discussed. *Examples:*

650 #0 \$a Buddhism \$v Controversial literature.
610 20 \$a Catholic Church \$v Controversial literature.
610 20 \$a Jesuits \$v Controversial literature.

Use this subdivision directly under the name of the religion, denomination, etc., for works that express opposition to these groups. Do not interpose another form or topical subdivision between the name of the religion and the subdivision **-Controversial literature**.

For works explaining a religion or denomination and defending it against criticism from the outside, use the free-floating form subdivision **-Apologetic works** under the name of the religion or denomination. *Examples:*

Title: Searching for sense : the logic of Catholic belief.
610 20 \$a Catholic Church \$v Apologetic works.

Title: A defense of Judaism versus proselytizing Christianity.
650 #0 \$a Christianity \$v Controversial literature.
650 #0 \$a Judaism \$v Apologetic works.

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2. *Sacred works.* Use the free-floating form subdivision **-Controversial literature** under sacred works or their individual parts for works that express opposition to these writings, question their authoritativeness, dispute their divine inspiration, etc. *Examples:*

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630 00 $a Bible. $p Genesis $v Controversial literature.  
630 00 $a Book of Mormon $v Controversial literature.
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Use this subdivision directly under the uniform title for a sacred work or its individual parts. Do not interpose another form or topical subdivision between the uniform title and the subdivision **-Controversial literature**. *Example:*

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630 00 $a Bible $v Controversial literature.  
[not 630 00 $a Bible $x Inspiration $v Controversial literature.]
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