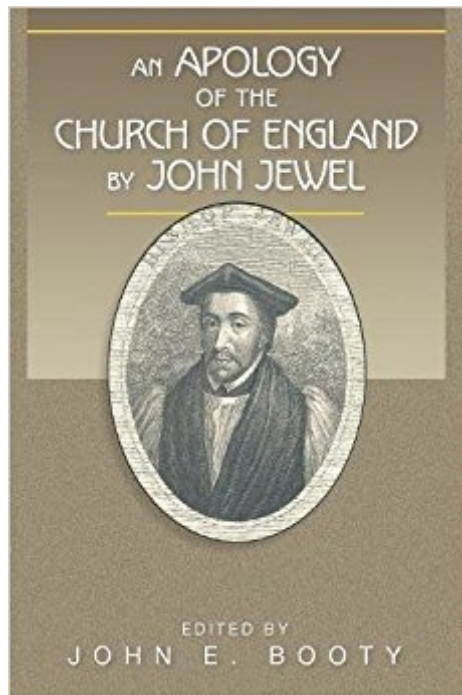




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Synopsis

Long out of print, John Jewel's classic defense of Reformation principles is again available in this specially re-issued edition with an introductory essay by John E. Booty. Written after Elizabeth's accession to the throne upon the death of Mary Tudor, Jewel's Apology was a major literary contribution toward England's struggle with the papacy and influenced the development of Anglicanism. John Booty's brilliant introduction places Jewel's work in its historical context and highlights its documentary importance in the English Reformation.

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This is one of the first apologies for the *raison d'être* of the Church of England and why it is neither Roman Catholic nor Reformed in the way the Protestant churches on the continent were. Jewel came after Cranmer, but before Hooker and should be considered one of the architects of Anglicanism even as he envisioned a Reformed Catholic Church of England. This is also where Jewel threw down the gauntlet and claimed he would convert to Roman Catholicism if it could be proven that any number of medieval Catholic "novelties" such as private masses for the dead could be shown from the first six hundred years of the ancient Christian church. Jewel was a learned man and published much. He is very comfortable with his use of the early church fathers in defense of the Church of England, but very often the fathers are used as weapons to highlight how much "innovation" had crept into the Church of Rome during the middle ages. Jewel himself was something of a disciple of the Zurich Reformer Heinrich Bullinger. Nevertheless Jewel's "Apology"

became an instant classic and was placed alongside the Bible in every English church.

My string of good luck with public domain reprints is over. Don't get this title unless you're fairly desperate--most pages are fine, but in several spots it features whole corners/sides of pages with the letters blurred into black, random rectangular dead spaces of white, etc. This is the Harvard College Library copy--presumably from Google Books' early work. Bottom line: "A Treatise of the Holy Scriptures" only occupies pp. 259-317; if your main interest is in "The Apology," don't be greedy for the add-on, and choose another version.

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