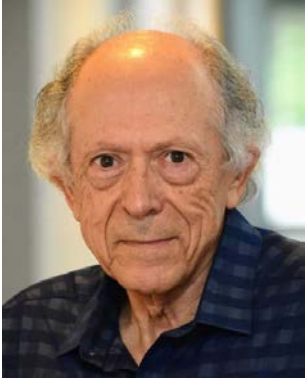


ABRAHAM HAKOB TERIAN

Abraham Terian was born in Jaffa, Israel (1942) and grew up at St. James in the Armenian Quarter of Jerusalem, where he received his early education. He left Jerusalem in 1966 to pursue higher education in the West.



Following an undergraduate degree in History and Biblical Languages (BA, with Highest Honors, Loma Linda University, California) and a graduate degree in Archaeology and History of Antiquity (MA, Andrews University, Michigan), he completed his doctoral studies in Theology at the University of Basel, Switzerland, specializing in the New Testament and Christian origins—their Jewish and Hellenistic backgrounds.

From 1997 until his retirement in 2008 he was Professor of Armenian Theology and Patristics at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in New Rochelle, New York. During these years he served also as Academic Dean and editor of the *St. Nersess Theological Review*, the only academic periodical in English devoted to Armenian theology.

Prior to coming to St. Nersess he was Professor of Intertestamental and Early Christian Literatures at Andrews University for 20 years (1973/5–93), and for 4 years a recurring Visiting Professor for Armenian Studies and Hellenistic Judaism at the University of Chicago (1984–87). For another 4 years he was Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Sterling College in Kansas (1993–97), where he also served as Chair of the Humanities Division.

He was Chair of the Hellenistic Judaism Group of the Society of Biblical Literature (1983–85) and President of the Society’s Midwest Region (1990–92). As a Fulbright Scholar in 2005-6, he became the first recipient of the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in the Humanities award by the Fulbright Foundation, the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) of the US Department of State, and the US–Israel Educational Foundation (US–IEF). In 2008 he was elected a “Diasporan Fellow” of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia, and in 2016 a Fellow Academician of the Ambrosian Academy of Milan. In 2018–19 he was Robert F. and Margaret S. Goheen Fellow at the National Humanities Center in Research Triangle Park, NC.

An acknowledged authority on Hellenistic Judaism, Early Christianity, and Armenian Studies, Dr. Terian has published extensively in these fields, including three books on the writings of the first-century Jewish philosopher Philo of Alexandria (several of whose voluminous works survive in Classical Armenian only): *Philonis Alexandrini De Animalibus* (1981), *Philon d’Alexandrie: Alexander* (1988), and *Philon d’Alexandrie: Quaestiones in Exodum* (1992). The latter two, in French, are in the series *Les oeuvres de Philon d’Alexandrie*.

He has contributed two volumes to the AVANT series published jointly by St. Nersess and St. Vladimir’s Seminaries: *Patriotism and Piety in Armenian Christianity: The Early Panegyrics on Saint Gregory* (2005), and *Macarius of Jerusalem: Letter to the Armenians, A.D. 335* (2008). The latter is the earliest full-length document bearing on Armenian history, and the earliest from Jerusalem since New Testament times.

Oxford University Press is the publisher of his annotated translation of *The Armenian Gospel of the Infancy* (2008). The Hebrew University Armenian Studies series includes his book on the first literary epic in Classical Armenian, *Magnalia Dei: Biblical History in Epic Verse by Grigor Magistros* (2012).

His two books published in 2008 received high reviews in the *Times Literary Supplement*; and his latest book, *The Festal Works of St. Gregory of Narek* (2016), containing all of the Saint’s odes, litanies,

and encomia, received the Catholic Publishers Association and the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research book awards.

Terian has retired in Fresno, California, with his wife, sociologist Dr. Sara Kärkkäinen. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

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