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*For friends and teachers from my Chicago days
and, as always, for my family.*

For the distinction between Christians and other men is neither in country nor language nor customs . . . This teaching of theirs has not been discovered by the intellect or thought of busy men, nor are they advocates of any human doctrine as some men are.

—Epistle to Diognetus 5.1–3

Is there a Platonic Idea of Christianity hovering somewhere in the ontosphere?

—Daniel Boyarin, “Rethinking Jewish Christianity”

The Christian faith did not exist in the beginning. In the beginning there existed merely the “heretical” Jew, Jesus of Nazareth.

—Hans Dieter Betz, “Orthodoxy and Heresy in Primitive Christianity”