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Abstracts

Syriac Manichaean Texts: past, present and future trajectories

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This paper surveys the major historical trends in research over the last century re Manichaean texts written in Syriac script. It details the current work being undertaken and suggests future new initiatives. It focusses: on Ephrem's *Prose Refutations of Mani*,. Severus of Antioch's *Demonstrations* and Theodore bar Koni's *Liber Scholiarum*. It constructs a hypothesis about the audiences for whom the texts were written and argues that intrinsic differences between the texts arise from their socio-religious environments.