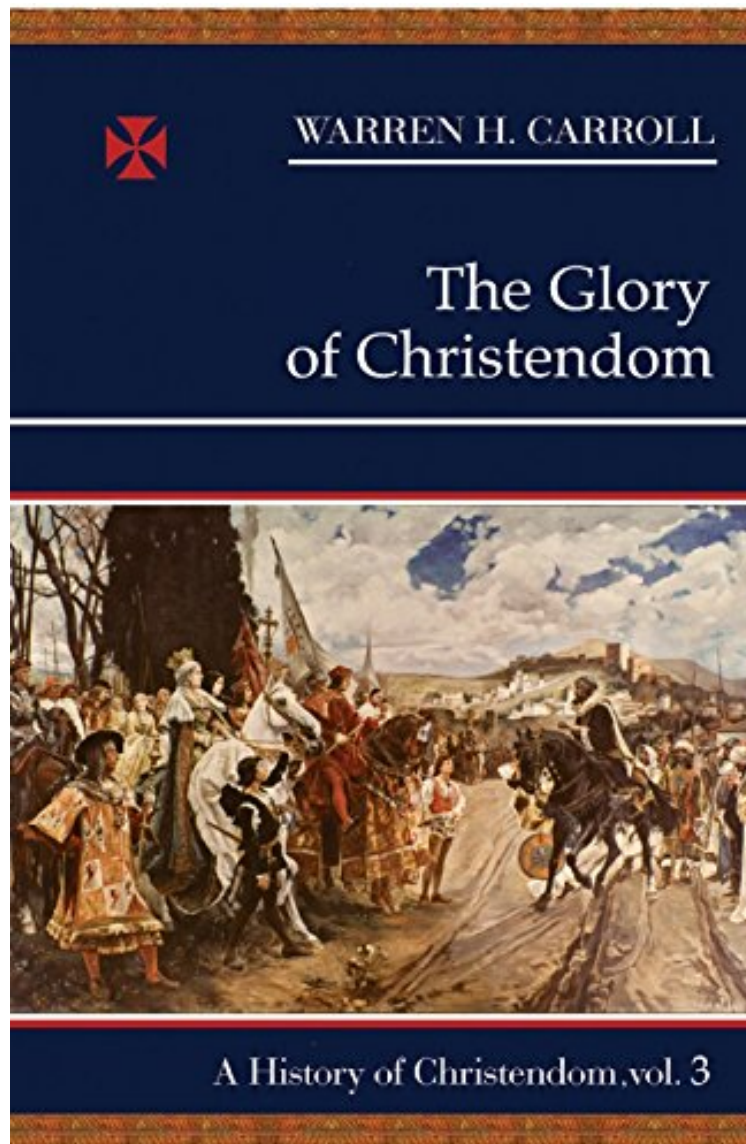


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About the Author Warren Carroll (1932-2011) was founder of Christendom College, serving as president from 1977-85, and as chairman of the Department of History from 1985-2002. Carroll earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in history from Columbia University. The author of numerous books, he has won a well-deserved reputation as one of the foremost Catholic historians of our time.