Rabbi George Wolf and his books

**Opinions on Rabbi Wolf based on his books:**

Rabbi Wolf appears to be an anti-Christian Jewish Rabbi who nevertheless sheds some interesting and unconventional light on how a Jewish sect known as The Way evolved into Christianity.

The few books he has written are very scarce and difficult to find.

He seems to feel that Paul taught a different form of Christianity from the rest of the Apostles.

He does not accept that the New Testament is an accurate record, but feels it was edited to fit the needs of the evolving Christian church.

He makes a lot of highly unconventional statements with no supporting references stated, which appear to be nothing more than his own opinions.

Reading Rabbi Wolf is a lot like mining for gold or diamonds. There are a few valuable nuggets here, but there is also a lot of slag to throw out. I have tried to make the mining as easy as possible with this brief review.

**1990 Some Lexicographic Comments on the Hebrew Bible 198 pages**

Available in UCLA Young Research Library 280 Charles E. Young Dr. N. Los Angeles, CA 90095

Item ID:  unknown Call #:  BS1136 .W64 1990

Mostly a Hebrew word study commentary.

Nothing on the Passover

A somewhat interesting short discussion of Sheol (hell) on page 131 and bookmarked as Sheol

**1991 Lexical and historical contributions on the biblical and rabbinic Passover 206 pages**

Available in UCLA SRLF Library 305 De Neve Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90095

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**This is Rabbi Wolf’s most informative book, and should be the first one to read**

I am still reviewing this book and will update this synopsis when I am finished.

**1994 Studies in the Hebrew Bible and Early Rabbinic Judaism 183 pages**

Available in UCLA Young Research Library see address above

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p. 1-94 More study on Hebrew words

p. 95 by the time of Jesus, the Paschal meal was eaten in fraternal associations, such as Jesus and the Apostles

p. 95-120 and bookmarked The Paschal Meal A lot of irrelevant details about the conduct of the Paschal meal

p. 121 in 76-67 BC the Pharisees moved the start of Paschal Lamb sacrifice back from evening to afternoon and allowed the sacrifice to be made anywhere in Jerusalem, not just the temple

p. 145 in the 14th century it was customary for the Jews in Austria , Hungary and Moravia, to eat roasted meat on the first two nights of the Pasch festival

p. 146-8 several references in the 14th century and later to eating roasted meat on both the first and second nights of the Pasch festival

p. 150-159 A lot of irrelevant details about the drinking of wine

p. 160 un-supported statement that not one of Jesus’ words was recorded by an eye witness, but were altered after the fact to fit the needs of the Church

p. 163-167 and bookmarked The Dispute A lot of support for the Last Supper being the Paschal meal

p. 168 an interesting commentary on the Hebrew word for bread and flesh being the same word

**2014 New Light on Early Rabbinic Judaism and Early Christianity 247 pages**

Available in USC Grand Avenue Library 3434 S Grand Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90007 Bookstacks:  BM176 .W58 2014 Barcode:  31275053832060

p. 1-4 and bookmarked Jewish Christian Prayer in the First Century - A discourse on speaking in tongues.

p. 5 and bookmarked The Ancient Synagogue and Church - A discourse on the Synagogue.

p. 6-7 and bookmarked The Original Name of Christianity - A discourse on The Way.

p. 8-9 and bookmarked The Fish Symbol - A discourse on the Jewish interpretation of the fish.

p.10-11 and bookmarked Jesus the Teacher of Torah - A discourse on Jesus as a teacher.

p.12-13 and bookmarked Was Jesus a Pharisee - Jesus rejected the oral law of the Pharisees and recognized only the written law.

p.14-17 and bookmarked Was Paul a Pharisee - Asserts that Paul taught a different Christianity from Peter and John. Paul abolished the food laws and holy days. Christians were originally called Nazarenes or Ebionites. Dispute over whether Paul was either a Pharisee or Roman citizen.

p.18-20 and bookmarked Kneeling in Prayer - YHWH as the God of Israel becomes the God of the universe, the Great Assembly, BARUKH, prayer and blessings to be on your knees.

p.21-22 and bookmarked Substitutes for God - YHWH pronounced as Adonai, Adon, Most High, Kyrios, mar, Ribon, Makom.

p.23-25 and bookmarked Is Quddush Sanctification - A discourse on the Quddush blessing.

p.26-29 and bookmarked **Quddush Becomes Eucharist** - A discourse on the conduct of the Paschal meal and the Last Supper, Paul’s alleged change of meaning, Eucharist means blessing, was only in Paul’s gentile churches, Josephus’ Wars, Last Supper conduct compared with the Paschal meal.

I have quit reading and reviewing at this point because this seems to be a summary of what he has already covered in much more detail in his first 3 books.