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What Difference Does Christianity Make to Historiography in Late Antiquity?

It is common to assume and assert the transformative impact Christianity had on history writing in Late Antiquity. The extension of the *spatium historicum* until Creation, the introduction of new genres, the introduction of divine causality, and a linear perspective are traditional illustrations of this thesis. Whilst there is some truth to the idea, I am not convinced that its usual formulations really measure the complexity of the changes happening in this period. In this paper, I shall scrutinise such assertions and suggest alternative factors that help to explain the change of historiography's appearance in this period.