

## Collection Summary

**ID Number:** CS 204

**Title:** Christianopolis

**Extent:** 1 Folder(s)

**Span Dates:** 1972-1977

**Language:** English, German

**Geographic Location:** None

**Abstract:** The collection consists of notes, an article, and photographs.

## Selected Search Terms

**Subjects:** Utopias; Andreae, Johann Valentin, 1586-1654

**Historical Notes:** *Christianopolis* was never a real place, but rather the title of a proposed Utopian society by 17<sup>th</sup> century German theologian Johann Valentin Andreae. "An influential Lutheran theologian, a prolific writer, and a champion of the practical application of Christian principles, Johann Valentin Andreae best expressed his passion for educational and social reform in his utopian work *Christianopolis* (1619). Although influenced by Tommaso Campanella's *City of the Sun* (1602) and Sir Thomas More's *Utopia* (1516), Andreae's utopian vision is unique in its synthesis of science and Christian ideals as elements of social order. The emphasis in *Christianopolis* on the creation of an enlightened system of learning reflected Andreae's concern about the oppressive educational practices of his time, and the presentation of a city structure geared towards the orderly production of food and goods presaged modern urban planning techniques. Because the work was not translated from the Latin original until the eighteenth century, *Christianopolis* received less recognition than the works of More and Campanella. *Christianopolis*, however, was widely read by Andreae's intellectual contemporaries and is believed to have influenced Sir Francis Bacon's *New Atlantis* (1627). Modern scholars praise Andreae's prose style and consider the *Christianopolis* to be a vivid example of seventeenth century utopian philosophy.

<http://www.enotes.com/topics/johann-valentin-andrae>

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