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il costituirsi e diffondersi della S.J. e suoi echi (1540 - 1773)

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Jean Crasset

Ascetical writer, b. at Dieppe, France, 3 January, 1618; d. at Paris, 4 January, 1692. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1638, became professor of humanities and philosophy, was director for twenty-three years of a famous sodality of men connected with the professed house of the Jesuits in Paris, and was also a successful preacher. Crasset is the author of many ascetical works, among which are: "Methode d'oraison"; "Considérations chrétiennes pour tous les jours de l'année"; "La chrétienne in solitudine"; "Dissertation sur les oracles des Sibylles", which was vigorously attacked; "Entretiens pour la jeunesse". He also published in 1689 a "Historie de l'église du Japon" which has been translated into several languages but which is considered inferior to that of [Charlevoix](#). Crasset's history was scarcely original, for it was drawn in great part from the work which Father Solier had issued in 1627; he merely retouched the style and continued the narrative from 1624 to 1658. The objection is made that the work lacks precision, is heavy, and is crowded with details. The author attributed the origin of the persecution of 1597 to the imprudence of the friars in making their religious ceremonies public. There is a posthumous work of his entitled "La foy victorieuse de l'infidélité et du libertinage". On 9 September, 1656, the Bishop of Orléans issued an interdict against him for having in one of his sermons charged several ecclesiastics with sustaining the propositions condemned by the Bull of [Innocent X](#), "Cum occasione" (31 May, 1653). The interdict was removed in the following February.



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