The Early Documents: The Saint, The Founder, The Prophet
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Five DVD series

**DVD 1 Francis of Assisi – The Project (88 minutes)**
These sessions present an overview of the scope of the project – its promise, problems and discoveries.

**DVD 2 Francis of Assisi – The Saint (Volume I; 1206-1239) (112 minutes)**
This volume contains the writings of Francis. It also contains the first accounts of Francis’ life by Thomas of Celano and some of the earliest portraits of Francis’ life as recounted by Julian of Speyer and Henri d’Avranches. The DVD includes an overview of their content and an explanation of their influence.

**DVD 3: Francis of Assisi – The Founder (Volume II; 1240-1270) (113 minutes)**
The contents of this volume reflect a new stage in the development of the hagiographic tradition around Francis. Authors include the early companions of Francis, Thomas of Celano and Bonaventure.

**DVD 4: Francis of Assisi – The Prophet (Volume III; 1271-1365) (116 minutes)**
The texts of this volume present various images of Francis as a prophet who was recalling his followers to an authentic way of life. The texts were composed during times of turmoil and unrest in the Church, the Order and society.

**DVD 5: Francis of Assisi – The Prophet continued (113 minutes)**
This DVD continues with Volume III introducing the Spiritualists as well as various texts and authors.