

# World Religions From Ancient History To The Present

*The Role of Religion in Ancient Civilizations: Select Readings addresses the importance of religion in ancient civilizations and encourages readers to evaluate these civilizations both historically and critically. The selected readings help readers understand civilizations as whole systems with not only social and political characteristics, but also religious ones. Topics include the establishment of patriarchal civilizations, Mesopotamian and Egyptian religion, and the early civilizations of Northwest India. Students also learn about the religions of ancient*

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*China and Japan, traditional African religions and belief systems, religion and burial in Roman Britain, and the great temples of Meso-American religions. The final selections are devoted to early Christianity, the Byzantine Empire, and Islam. Original introductions place the readings in context. Taken as a whole, these carefully curated articles demonstrate both the uniqueness of each religion and the traditions and practices that, over time, became interconnected and sometimes even fused to form new religions. The Role of Religion in Ancient Civilizations is well-suited to survey courses in world and ancient religions, as well as classes on religious history and the history of the ancient world. Kim Woodring earned her M.A. in history at East Tennessee State University and her M.L.I.S. in library and information science at the University*

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*of Tennessee. She is now a faculty member at East Tennessee State University where she teaches courses in American and world history and digital history. In addition to teaching, Professor Woodring also serves as the history department's webpage administrator and social media editor. Her professional writing has appeared in The Social Science of War Encyclopedia and Historical Archaeology.*

*Provides an introduction to the major religions of the ancient Mediterranean and explores current research regarding the similarities and differences among them.*

*Presents the beliefs, cults, gods, and ritual practices that developed in Mediterranean region countries such as Egypt, Anatolia, Mesopotamia, Iran, Greece, and Rome from the the third millenium B.C. up to the fourth century*

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*A concise study of religions from around the world, discussing the history, beliefs, and social background of each religion.*

*The Role of Religion in Ancient Civilizations*

*A New History of Roman Religion*

*National Geographic Concise History of World Religions*

*The Cambridge History of Religions in the Ancient World*

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*Understanding the where of the world's religious traditions is an important component of understanding the what. Now, as part of a brand-new series of atlas resources, Fortress Press is pleased to offer an affordable, compact yet*

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*comprehensive atlas of world religions.*

*Atlas of World Religions is newly built from the ground up. Featuring more than fifty new maps, graphics, and timelines, the atlas is an immensely helpful companion to any study of world religions. Concise, helpful text written by acknowledged authorities guides the experience and interprets the visuals. Consciously written for students at any level, the volume is perfect for independent students, as well as those in structured courses. The atlas provides ample and equal coverage of*

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*all of the world's major religious traditions, as well as generous coverage of regional or indigenous traditions in specific regions of the world. The atlas is grounded in a helpful section on the earliest humans and the spread of the first organized religions, and it culminates in up-to-date maps of religion in the world today.*

*Blending literary criticism, political theory, and biblical and classical history, a compelling look at the profound impact of war and politics on the beliefs of ancient peoples reveals how many devastating*

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events led to the formation and definition of religious beliefs for those who were conquered.

Examines each religion--including ancient Greek, Roman, Norse, and Celtic religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, and nature religions--discussing its history, founder, major deity, beliefs, festivals, and celebrations.

Excerpt from *The World's Religions, a Popular Account of Religions Ancient and Modern: Including Those of Uncivilised Races, Chaldaeans, Greeks, Egyptians, Romans, Confucianism, Taoism, Hinduism, Buddhism,*

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Zoroastrianism,  
Mohammedanism, and a Sketch  
of the History of Judaism  
and Christianity Thus, while  
endeavouring to stick  
rigidly to facts, we may be  
per mitted in some measure  
to study them as, examples  
of the development of ideas  
and practices. It is true  
that for a full study of  
religious development we  
Should need many volumes,  
and must include all extinct  
as well as exist ing  
religions. The former would  
be impossible, for it can  
hardly be doubted that there  
have been forms Of religion  
which have left no records.  
But even those which survive  
in records, or in actual



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Religious History  
Religious Violence in the  
Ancient World  
The Handbook of Religions in  
Ancient Europe  
Ancient Religions  
Encyclopedia of Women in  
World Religions: Faith and  
Culture across History [2  
volumes]  
The Cambridge Companion to  
Ancient Mediterranean  
Religions*

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**This magisterial Norton Anthology, edited by world-renowned scholars, offers a portable library of more than 1,000 primary texts from the world's major religions. To help readers encounter strikingly unfamiliar texts with pleasure; accessible introductions, headnotes, annotations, pronouncing glossaries, maps, illustrations and chronologies are provided. For readers of any religion or none, *The Norton Anthology of World Religions* opens new worlds that, as Miles writes, invite us "to see others with a measure of openness, empathy, and good will..."**

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**Unprecedented in scope and approach, *The Norton Anthology of World Religions: Christianity* brings together over 150 texts from the Apostolic Era to the New Millennium. The volume features Jack Miles's illuminating General Introduction—"How the West Learned to Compare Religions"—as well as Lawrence S. Cunningham's "The Words and the Word Made Flesh," a lively primer on the history and core tenets of Christianity.**

**Revealing the significance of religion in contemporary life, *World Religions Today, Sixth Edition*, explores major religious traditions--Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, South Asian religions, East Asian**

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**religions, indigenous religions, and new religions--as dynamic, ongoing forces in the lives of individuals and in the collective experience of modern societies. This unique volume accomplishes two goals: it connects today's religions to their classical beliefs and practices and focuses on how these religions have both radically changed the modern world and been changed by it. The book is enhanced by numerous pedagogical aids--text boxes, timelines, maps, illustrations, discussion questions, a comprehensive glossary of key terms, and suggestions for further reading--and more than 200 photographs. World Religions Today, Sixth Edition, is also**

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**available as two separate  
volumes: Religions of Asia Today,  
Fourth Edition:**

**978-0-19-064242-6 Religions of  
the West Today, Fourth Edition:  
978-0-19-064241-9**

**How did mythology and religion  
first begin? Where did the ideas  
of "God," "spirit" and "soul" come  
from? The author takes us to  
ancient times, showing us how  
early humans struggled to make  
sense of the world around them.  
Who were the "Neter" or the  
"Watchers", that were revered as  
gods in ancient Egypt? Were they  
an advanced race of men, whose  
origins are lost in antiquity, or  
were they beings who actually  
came from the sky with  
sophisticated knowledge to help  
mankind establish an enduring**

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**civilization? Drawing upon a vast array of factual information, the author develops the argument that the Osiris resurrection myth is actually an encoding of an advanced system of mathematics and astronomy that was preserved and transmitted to the public in the form of religious myths; using this novel approach, the author shows that the ancient Egyptians utilized the true language of the gods, which is the harmonic apparent motion of the sun, moon, and visible planets as the standard for the system of measurement known to us as the Egyptian Royal Cubit. Whereas many textbooks treat the subject of world religions in an apolitical way, as if each religion were a path for**

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**individuals seeking wisdom and not a discourse intimately connected with the exercise of power, James W. Laine treats religion and politics as halves of the same whole, tracing their relationship from the policies of Alexander the Great to the ideologies of modern Europe secularists, with stops in classical India, China, and the Islamic world. Meta-Religion is a groundbreaking text that brings power and politics to the fore of our understanding of world religions, placing religion at the center of world history. This synthetic approach is both transformative and enlightening as it presents a powerful model for thinking differently about what religion is and how it**



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**functions in the world. With images and maps to bring the narrative to life, Meta-Religion combines sophisticated scholarly critique with accessibility that students and scholar alike will appreciate.**

**Religions of the Ancient World  
Dreaming in the World's  
Religions**

**The Big Picture**

**A Popular Account of Religions  
Ancient and Modern, Including  
Those of Uncivilised Races,  
Chaldaeans, Greeks, Egyptians,  
Romans; Confucianism, Taoism,  
Hinduism, Buddhism,  
Zoroastrianism,  
Mohammedanism, and a Sketch  
of the History of Judaism and  
Christianity**

**Explore the Beliefs, Traditions,**

**and Cultures of Ancient and  
Modern Religions  
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*A comparative examination  
and interpretation of religious  
violence in the Graeco-Roman  
world and Late Antiquity.*

*"The Handbook of Religions in  
Ancient Europe" surveys the  
major religious currents of  
Europe before Christianity -  
the first continental religion  
with hegemonic ambition -  
wiped out most local religions.  
The evidence - whether  
archaeological or written - is  
notoriously difficult to  
interpret, and the variety of  
religions documented by the*

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*sources and the range of languages used are bewildering. The "Handbook" brings together leading authorities on pre-Christian religious history to provide a state-of-the-art survey. The first section of the book covers the Prehistoric period, from the Paleolithic to the Bronze Age. The second section covers the period since writing systems began. Ranging across the Mediterranean and Northern, Celtic and Slavic Europe, the essays assess the archaeological and textual evidence. Dispersed archaeological remains and biased outside sources*

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*constitute our main sources of information, so the complex task of interpreting these traces is explained for each case. The "Handbook" also aims to highlight the plurality of religion in ancient Europe: the many ways in which it is expressed, notably in discourse, action, organization, and material culture; how it is produced and maintained by different people with different interests; how communities always connect with or disassociate from adjunct communities and how their beliefs and rituals are shaped by these relationships. The "Handbook" will be*

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*invaluable to anyone interested in ancient History and also to scholars and students of Religion, Anthropology, Archaeology, and Classical Studies. This book presents a wide range of documents illustrating religious life in the Roman world from the early Republic to the late Empire. Religion is a major subfield of ancient history and classical studies, and Roman religion in particular is usually studied today by experts in two rather distinct halves: the religion of the Roman Republic, covering the fifth through first centuries B.C.; and the religious*

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*diversity of the Roman Empire, spanning the first four centuries of our era. In Time in Roman Religion, author Gary Forsythe examines both the religious history of the Republic and the religious history of the Empire. These six studies are unified by the important role played by various concepts of time in Roman religious thought and practice. Previous modern studies of early Roman religion in Republican times have discussed how the placement of religious ceremonies in the calendar was determined by their relevance to agricultural or military patterns of early*

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*Roman life, but modern scholars have failed to recognize that many aspects of Roman religious thought and behavior in later times were also preconditioned or even substantially influenced by concepts of time basic to earlier Roman religious history. This book is not a comprehensive survey of all major aspects of Roman religious history spanning one thousand years. Rather, it is a collection of six studies that are bound together by a single analytical theme: namely, time. Yet, in the process of delving into these six different topics the study surveys a*

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*large portion of Roman  
religious history in a  
representative fashion, from  
earliest times to the end of the  
ancient world and the triumph  
of Christianity.*

*Christianity*

*A Comparative History*

*World Religions Today*

*A Popular Account of Religions*

*Ancient and Modern, Including*

*Those of Uncivilised Races,*

*Chaldaeans, Greeks,*

*Egyptians, Romans :*

*Confucianism, Taoism,*

*Hinduism, Buddhism,*

*Zoroastrianism,*

*Mohammedanism, and a*

*Sketch of the History O*

*A Short World History of*



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*Religions*

*Third Edition*

Passing for what you are not—whether it is mulattos passing as white, Jews passing as Christian, or drag queens passing as women—can be a method of protection or self-defense. But it can also be a uniquely pleasurable experience, one that trades on the erotics of secrecy and revelation. It is precisely passing's radical playfulness, the way it asks us to reconsider our assumptions and forces our most cherished fantasies of identity to self-destruct, that is centrally

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addressed in Passing: Identity and Interpretation in Sexuality, Race, and Religion. Identity in Western culture is largely structured around visibility, whether in the service of science (Victorian physiognomy), psychoanalysis (Lacan's mirror stage), or philosophy (the Panopticon). As such, it is charged with anxieties regarding classification and social demarcation. Passing wreaks havoc with accepted systems of social recognition and cultural intelligibility, blurring the carefully-marked lines of race, gender, and

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class. Bringing together theories of passing across a host of disciplines—from critical race theory and lesbian and gay studies, to literary theory and religious studies—Passing complicates our current understanding of the visual and categories of identity. Contributors: Michael Bronski, Karen McCarthy Brown, Bradley Epps, Judith Halberstam, Peter Hitchcock, Daniel Itzkovitz, Patrick O'Malley, Miriam Peskowitz, María C. Sánchez Linda Schlossberg, and Sharon Ullman.

An easy-to-use and

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comprehensive guide that explores the intriguing dogma and rituals, cultural convictions, and often-checkered backgrounds and histories of the world's religions.

This 2011 book is a history of religious life in the Ancient Near East from the beginnings of agriculture to Alexander the Great's invasion in the 300s BCE. Daniel C. Snell traces key developments in the history, daily life and religious beliefs of the people of Ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Israel and Iran. His research investigates the influence of

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those ideas on the West, with particular emphasis on how religious ideas from this historical and cultural milieu still influence the way modern cultures and religions view the world. Designed to be accessible to students and readers with no prior knowledge of the period, the book uses fictional vignettes to add interest to its material, which is based on careful study of archaeological remains and preserved texts. The book will provide a thoughtful summary of the Ancient Near East and includes a comprehensive

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bibliography to guide readers in further study of related topics.

Want to know more about other people's religions? Look no further than this exceptional introductory volume. The Everything World's Religions Book is an encyclopedic resource describing, in plain English, all major and scores of minor religions throughout the world and throughout history, citing: Their origins and history; Geographic spread; Customs and practices; Ceremonies and celebrations; Leaders past and present

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Stories Of World Religions:

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The Story of World Religions

Select Readings

Religion and Globalization

Religions of the Ancient Near  
East

World Religions in Historical  
Perspective

This book examines the history of the world's religions, tracing them through four historical epochs in order to show how the temporal interacts with the timeless. Presented in detail are the major figures Krishna, Buddha, Abraham, Jesus, Muhammad, Confucius, and Lao Tzu. Coverage of other figures mythical and historical - from Gilgamesh and Ishtar to Luther and Calvin - reveals how they too had

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an impact on history.

Historical and Religious Memory in the Ancient World examines how religious and historical memory was fashioned, distorted, preserved, or erased in ancient societies - and what wide-ranging effects these actions had on the historical process. The volume is interested in how memory intersects with and shapes religious traditions and cultural identities. Its twelve case studies explore different aspects of the memory layers that make up ancient history (social, religious, cultural), and looks at how these layers are represented and refracted in different contexts of the written and material remains of antiquity. The process has its beginnings in the dim pasts of ancient communities, and continues in the later Greek and Roman periods where



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our most articulate ancient evidence lies. It is a process that continues, in a different way, in contemporary scholarship which draws on selected evidence and a variety of contrasting representations. The three parts of the book vary the lens through which the impact of religious and cultural memory can be grasped. Part I looks at the commemoration of religious tradition in the context of cultural interaction - Greek, Roman, Jewish, and Christian. Part II focuses on how religious identities are defined and how homogenous-looking cultures engage in elaborate selective dialogue with their own past. In Part III, contested versions of the past are interpreted in studies of Roman historiography and of religiously motivated behaviour in late antique Asia Minor. This interdisciplinary

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book highlights and celebrates the work of Simon Price, an important thinker and pioneer in this kind of wider historical research in ancient cultures and religions.

An innovative approach to the study of ten centuries of Jewish culture and history *A Companion to Late Ancient Jews and Judaism* explores the Jewish people, their communities, and various manifestations of their religious and cultural expressions from the third century BCE to the seventh century CE. Presenting a collection of 30 original essays written by noted scholars in the field, this companion provides an expansive examination of ancient Jewish life, identity, gender, sacred and domestic spaces, literature, language, and theological questions throughout late ancient Jewish history and

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historiography. Editors Gwynn Kessler and Naomi Koltun-Fromm situate the volume within Late Antiquity, enabling readers to rethink traditional chronological, geographic, and political boundaries. The Companion incorporates a broad methodology, drawing from social history, material history and culture, and literary studies to consider the diverse forms and facets of Jews and Judaism within multiple contexts of place, culture, and history. Divided into five parts, thematically-organized essays discuss topics including the spaces where Jews lived, worked, and worshiped, Jewish languages and literatures, ethnicities and identities, and questions about gender and the body central to Jewish culture and Judaism. Offering original scholarship and fresh insights on late ancient Jewish

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history and culture, this unique volume: Offers a one-volume exploration of “ second temple, ” “ Greco-Roman, ” and “ rabbinic ” periods and sources Explores Jewish life across most of the geographic places where Jews or Judaeans were known to have lived Features original maps of areas cited in every essay, including maps of Jewish settlement throughout Late Antiquity Includes an outline of major historical events, further readings, and full references A Companion to Late Ancient Jews and Judaism: 3rd Century BCE - 7th Century CE is a valuable resource for students, instructors, and scholars of Jewish studies, religion, literature, and ethnic identity, as well as general readers with interest in Jewish history, world religions, Classics, and Late Antiquity.

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A textbook for introductory college courses in the history of religions, published since 1949 as *Man's Religions*. Surveys the origins, development, and divisions of the major religions of India, the Orient, and the Middle East. Each chapter includes a glossary, most with pronunciation indicated.

Discover the Beliefs, Traditions, and Cultures of Ancient and Modern Religions

Historical and Religious Memory in the Ancient World

An Illustrated Time Line

Introduction to World Religions

A Companion to Late Ancient Jews and Judaism

Religion and Power in World History  
Presents a timeline of the history of religion, from

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ancient and classical mythologies to tribal religions, Eastern religions including Hinduism and Buddhism, Western Judeo-Christian religions, and modern religions.

This reference offers reliable knowledge about women's diverse faith practices throughout history and prehistory, and across cultures. □ Offers nearly 300 reference articles by international scholars of religion, women, and history □ Provides an overview of the religious experiences of women across time, faiths,

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and cultures □ Devotes sections to particular religious traditions to provide information about the role of women and the feminine devine within those faiths □ Presents reference information about the experiences of women within religions □ Directs the user to additional resources via suggestions for further reading and an end-of-work bibliography

This leading textbook for world religion is designed to help students in their study and research of the world's religious traditions. Known

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and valued for its balanced approach and its respected board of consulting editors, this text addresses ways to study religion, provides broad coverage of diverse religions, and offers an arresting layout with rich illustrations. Introductory sections on understanding religion and the religions of antiquity lay the foundation for the study of the numerous religious traditions highlighted in the volume, including indigenous religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Sikhism,



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and Chinese, Korean, and Japanese religions. The user-friendly content is enhanced by charts of religious festivals, historic timelines, updated maps of the world's religions, and a useful glossary. Both historical overviews and modern perspectives for each religion are included. This third edition has several updates, including a new design, a new section on women and religion, and a newly revised section on religions in today's world.

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Hinduism, Buddhism,  
Zoroastrianism,  
Mohammedanism, and a  
Sketch of the History of  
Atheism in the Ancient World  
Pantheon  
The Myth Of Osiris  
World Religions  
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Religions

***A unique and in-depth  
introduction to religion***

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*in the modern world,  
Religion and  
Globalization includes  
coverage of  
Christianity, Judaism,  
Islam, Hinduism,  
Buddhism, East Asian  
religions, and new  
religious movements. It  
addresses such questions  
as: How do these various  
religions change as  
they are brought into  
contact with each other  
by the forces of  
globalization? and How  
are ancient traditions  
modified to accommodate  
the realities of the*

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*21st century? Focusing on the diverse ways that humans have been religious in the past and are religious today, the book examines the changes that began with the Scientific Revolution and how those changes have shaped these religions as they are practiced today. Ideal for courses on religion and globalization or religion and politics, Religion and Globalization includes sixteen custom maps, key*

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*terms at the end of each chapter, a glossary, and timelines of important events each religious tradition. This book has been considered by academicians and scholars of great significance and value to literature. This forms a part of the knowledge base for future generations. So that the book is never forgotten we have represented this book in a print format as the same form as it was*

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*originally first published. Hence any marks or annotations seen are left intentionally to preserve its true nature.*

*How new is atheism? Although adherents and opponents alike today present it as an invention of the European Enlightenment, when the forces of science and secularism broadly challenged those of faith, disbelief in the gods, in fact, originated in a far more*

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*remote past. In Battling the Gods, Tim Whitmarsh journeys into the ancient Mediterranean, a world almost unimaginably different from our own, to recover the stories and voices of those who first refused the divinities. Homer's epic poems of human striving, journeying, and passion were ancient Greece's only "sacred texts," but no ancient Greek thought twice about questioning or mocking his stories of the gods. Priests*

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were *functionaries* rather than sources of moral or cosmological wisdom. The absence of centralized religious authority made for an extraordinary variety of perspectives on sacred matters, from the devotional to the atheos, or "godless." Whitmarsh explores this kaleidoscopic range of ideas about the gods, focusing on the colorful individuals who challenged their existence. Among these were some of the



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*greatest ancient poets  
and philosophers and  
writers, as well as the  
less well known:*

*Diagoras of Melos,  
perhaps the first self-  
professed atheist;  
Democritus, the first  
materialist; Socrates,  
executed for rejecting  
the gods of the Athenian  
state; Epicurus and his  
followers, who thought  
gods could not intervene  
in human affairs; the  
brilliantly mischievous  
satirist Lucian of  
Samosata. Before the  
revolutions of late*

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*antiquity, which saw the scriptural religions of Christianity and Islam enforced by imperial might, there were few constraints on belief. Everything changed, however, in the millennium between the appearance of the Homeric poems and Christianity's establishment as Rome's state religion in the fourth century AD. As successive Greco-Roman empires grew in size and complexity, and power was increasingly*

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*concentrated in central capitals, states sought to impose collective religious adherence, first to cults devoted to individual rulers, and ultimately to monotheism. In this new world, there was no room for outright disbelief: the label "atheist" was used now to demonize anyone who merely disagreed with the orthodoxy—and so it would remain for centuries. As the twenty-first century shapes up into a time of mass*

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*information, but also, paradoxically, of collective amnesia concerning the tangled histories of religions, Whitmarsh provides a bracing antidote to our assumptions about the roots of freethinking. By shining a light on atheism's first thousand years, Battling the Gods offers a timely reminder that nonbelief has a wealth of tradition of its own, and, indeed, its own heroes. Presents a comprehensive guide to religions*

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*throughout history, from the origins of spiritual belief to modern organized religions and churches, and discusses how religion has affected and helped shape the history of the world.*

*Competing Religions in the Ancient World*

*The Cambridge*

*Illustrated History of Religions*

*History of the Ancient & Medieval World:*

*Religions of the world*

*Peoples of an Almighty*

*God*

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***3rd Century BCE – 7th  
Century CE***

From one of the world's leading authorities on the subject, an innovative and comprehensive account of religion in the ancient Roman and Mediterranean world In this ambitious and authoritative book, Jörg Rüpke provides a comprehensive and strikingly original narrative history of ancient Roman and Mediterranean religion over more than a millennium—from the late Bronze Age through the Roman imperial period and up to late antiquity. While focused primarily on the city of Rome, *Pantheon* fully integrates the many religious traditions found in the Mediterranean world, including Judaism and Christianity.

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This generously illustrated book is also distinguished by its unique emphasis on lived religion, a perspective that stresses how individuals' experiences and practices transform religion into something different from its official form. The result is a radically new picture of Roman religion and of a crucial period in Western religion—one that influenced Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and even the modern idea of religion itself.

The Cambridge Illustrated History of Religions is a comprehensive survey of world religions from pre-history to the present day. Each religion is treated in depth, with text written by a recognized academic expert, and supported by extensive illustrations. The

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religions covered include Jainism, Chinese and Japanese religions, Hindu religions, Sikhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism, along with smaller sections on Zoroaster and Parsis, Greek and Rome, Egypt and Mesopotamia, aboriginal religions, Shamanism, and modern religions such as Bahai. The book includes a substantial bibliography, a full chronology for each section, a general chronology giving the most significant dates from all religions, and information on religious phenomena such as festivals and calendars. This is an authoritative reference book which will appeal equally to students of religion, teachers, and general interested readers. John Bowker is the author of *The Concise Oxford Dictionary*



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of World Religions (Oxford, 2000),  
The Complete Bible Handbook: An  
Illustrated Companion (DK  
Publishing, 1998) and and The  
Oxford Dictionary of World  
Religions (Oxford, 1997). He is  
Gresham Professor, Gresham  
College, London and Adjunct  
Professor at the University of  
Pennsylvania and North Carolina  
State University.

Religious beliefs and practices,  
which permeated all aspects of life  
in antiquity, traveled well-worn  
routes throughout the  
Mediterranean: itinerant  
charismatic practitioners peddled  
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