

BETWEEN MAGIC AND RELIGION INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES IN ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN RELIGION AND SOCIETY GREEK STUDIES INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES

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THE LIVED ANCIENT RELIGION PROJECT HAS RADICALLY CHANGED PERSPECTIVES ON ANCIENT RELIGIONS AND THEIR SUPPOSEDLY PERSONAL OR PUBLIC CHARACTER THIS VOLUME APPLIES AND FURTHER DEVELOPS THESE METHODOLOGICAL TOOLS NEW PERSPECTIVES AND NEW QUESTIONS THE RELIGIOUS TRANSFORMATIONS OF THE ROMAN IMPERIAL PERIOD APPEAR IN NEW LIGHT AND MORE NUANCES BY COMPARATIVE CONFRONTATION AND THE INTEGRATION OF MANY DISCIPLINES THE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WRITTEN BY SPECIALISTS FROM A VARIETY OF DISCIPLINARY CONTEXTS JEWISH STUDIES THEOLOGY CLASSICS EARLY CHRISTIAN STUDIES DEALING WITH THE HISTORY OF RELIGION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN WEST ASIAN AND EUROPEAN AREA FROM THE LATE HELLENISTIC PERIOD TO THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES AND SHAPED BY THEIR INTENSIVE EXCHANGE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF RESEARCH THE CONTRIBUTORS ENGAGE WITH DISCOURSES ON AGENCY EMBODIMENT APPROPRIATION AND EXPERIENCE THEY PRESENT INNOVATIVE RESEARCH IN FOUR FIELDS ALSO OF THEORETICAL DEBATE WHICH ARE EXPERIENCING THE RELIGIOUS SWITCHING THE CODE A THING CALLED BODY AND COMMEMORATING THE MOMENT

THIS BOOK OFFERS A CLEAR AND CONCISE HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF THE MAJOR RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS OF THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN WORLD EXISTING FROM THE TIME OF THE SECOND MILLENNIUM BCE UP UNTIL THE FOURTH CENTURY CE INCLUDING BOTH THE JUDEO CHRISTIAN AND PAGAN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS IN HUMAN HISTORY AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE DIVERSITY OF RELIGIOUS IDEAS AND PRACTICES IN THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN WORLD RELIGION IS DEFINED AS A COLLECTION OF MYTHS BELIEFS RITUALS ETHICAL PRACTICES SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND EXPERIENCES RELATED TO THE REALM OF THE SACRED COSMOS WITHOUT FOCUSING TOO MUCH ATTENTION ON TECHNICALITIES AND COMPLEX VOCABULARY THE BOOK PROVIDES AN INTRODUCTORY ROAD MAP FOR EXPLORING THE VAST ARRAY OF RELIGIOUS DATA PERMEATING THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN WORLD THROUGH AN EXAMINATION OF LITERARY AND ARCHEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE THE BOOK SUMMARIZES THE FUNDAMENTAL RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN WORLD INCLUDING THE RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS OF ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIA EGYPT AND ISRAEL TURNING WESTWARD THE FASCINATING WORLD OF ANCIENT GREEK AND ROMAN RELIGION IS CONSIDERED NEXT THE DISCUSSION BEGINS WITH A DESCRIPTION OF MINOAN MYCENAEAN RELIGION FOLLOWED BY A CONSIDERATION OF CLASSICAL ROMAN AND GREEK RELIGION NEXT THE NUMEROUS RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS THAT BLOSSOMED DURING HELLENISTIC ROMAN TIMES ARE DISCUSSED IN ADDITION THE FUNDAMENTAL

THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF VARIOUS GRECO ROMAN PHILOSOPHICAL SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT INCLUDING ORPHISM STOICISM PYTHAGOREANISM PLATONISM AND NEO PLATONISM ARE DESCRIBED GRECO ROMAN PHILOSOPHY FUNCTIONED AS A QUASI RELIGIOUS OUTLOOK FOR MANY AND PLAYED A DECISIVE ROLE IN THE EVOLUTION OF RELIGION IN THE CLASSICAL AND HELLENISTIC PERIOD THE THEOLOGICAL SPECULATIONS OF THE PHILOSOPHERS REGARDING THE NATURE OF GOD AND THE SOUL MADE A HUGE IMPACT IN RELIGIOUS CIRCLES DURING THE CLASSICAL AND HELLENISTIC ERA MOVING FORWARD IN HISTORY FROM ARCHAIC AND CLASSICAL TIMES TO THE LATER HELLENISTIC ROMAN PERIOD THE OLD RELIGIOUS ORDER OF THE PAST FALLS BY THE WAYSIDE AND A NEW UPDATED RELIGIOUS PARADIGM BEGINS TO DEVELOP THROUGHOUT THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD WITH A GREATER EMPHASIS BEING PLACED UPON THE RELIGIOUS INDIVIDUAL AND THE EXPRESSION OF PERSONAL RELIGIOUS FEELINGS THERE ARE SEVERAL IMPORTANT SOCIAL AND HISTORICAL REASONS FOR THIS SHIFT IN PERSPECTIVE AND THESE FACTORS ARE EXPLAINED IN THE CHAPTER FOCUSING UPON PERSONAL RELIGION IN HELLENISTIC TIMES SINCE THE ENTIRE RELIGIOUS TOPOGRAPHY OF THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN WORLD IS RARELY OUTLINED IN A SINGLE VOLUME THIS BOOK WILL BE A WELCOME ADDITION TO ANYONE S LIBRARY

THIS VOLUME BRINGS TOGETHER SCHOLARS IN RELIGION ARCHAEOLOGY PHILOLOGY AND HISTORY TO EXPLORE CASE STUDIES AND THEORETICAL MODELS OF CONVERGING RELIGIONS THE TWENTY FOUR ESSAYS OFFERED IN THIS VOLUME WHICH DERIVE FROM HITTITE CILICIAN LYDIAN PHOENICIAN GREEK AND ROMAN CULTURAL SETTINGS FOCUS ON ENCOUNTERS AT THE BOUNDARIES OF CULTURES LANDSCAPES CHRONOLOGIES SOCIAL CLASS AND STATUS THE IMAGINARY AND THE MATERIALLY OPERATIVE BROAD PATTERNS ULTIMATELY EMERGE THAT REACH ACROSS THESE BOUNDARIES AND SUGGEST THE STATE OF THE QUESTION ON THE STUDY OF CONVERGENCE AND THE POTENTIAL FRUITFULNESS FOR COMPARATIVE AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES AS MODELS CONTINUE TO EVOLVE

THE ROUTLEDGE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN RELIGIONS IS THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE SINGLE VOLUME REFERENCE WORK OFFERING AUTHORITATIVE COVERAGE OF ANCIENT RELIGIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD CHRONOLOGICALLY THE VOLUME S SCOPE EXTENDS FROM PRE HISTORICAL ANTIQUITY IN THE THIRD MILLENNIUM B C E THROUGH THE RISE OF ISLAM IN THE SEVENTH CENTURY C E AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH DRAWS OUT THE COMMON ISSUES AND ELEMENTS BETWEEN AND AMONG RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN KEY FEATURES OF THE VOLUME INCLUDE DETAILED MAPS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD ANCIENT EGYPT THE ROMAN EMPIRE AND THE HELLENISTIC WORLD A COMPREHENSIVE TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS INNOVATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS DIVIDED BY REGION TO PROVIDE BOTH A DIACHRONIC AND PAN MEDITERRANEAN SYNCHRONIC VIEW A BROAD GEOGRAPHICAL RANGE INCLUDING WESTERN ASIA NORTHERN AFRICA AND SOUTHERN EUROPE THIS ENCYCLOPEDIA WILL SERVE AS A KEY POINT OF REFERENCE FOR ALL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS INTERESTED IN ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN CULTURE AND SOCIETY

THE PUBLIC PRIVATE DISTINCTION IS FUNDAMENTAL TO MODERN THEORIES OF THE FAMILY RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND STATE POWER YET IT HAS HAD DIFFERENT SALIENCE AND BEEN UNDERSTOOD DIFFERENTLY FROM PLACE TO PLACE AND TIME TO TIME THE VOLUME BRINGS TOGETHER ESSAYS FROM AN INTERNATIONAL ARRAY OF EXPERTS IN LAW AND RELIGION IN ORDER TO EXAMINE THE PUBLIC PRIVATE DISTINCTION IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE THE ESSAYS FOCUS ON THE CULTURES AND RELIGIONS OF THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN IN THE FORMATIVE PERIODS OF GREECE AND ROME AND THE RELIGIONS OF JUDAISM CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO THE PRIVATE EXERCISE OF RELIGION THE RELATION BETWEEN PUBLIC NORMS AND PRIVATE LIFE AND THE DIVISION BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SPACE AND THE PLACE OF RELIGION THEREIN

HOW DOES ONE UNDERSTAND RELIGION CAN ONE EXPLAIN RELIGION HOW DOES ONE UNDERSTAND THE CRAFT AND DISCIPLINE OF THE HISTORIAN HOW CAN ONE BEST BRING TOGETHER THE STUDY OF RELIGION WITH THE CRAFT AND DISCIPLINE OF THE HISTORIAN I AM A HISTORIAN WHO WORKS IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT INTELLECTUAL MOMENT OFFERS ENORMOUS IN SOME WAYS UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITIES BOTH IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND HISTORIOGRAPHY BUT AT THE SAME TIME DIFFICULTIES AND DANGERS LOOM TOGETHER WITH THE OPPORTUNITIES MY SPECIALTY AND PRIME SET OF EXAMPLES LIE IN THE STUDY OF ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN RELIGION IF INDEED THERE IS SOMETHING THAT CAN RIGHTLY BE CALLED MEDITERRANEAN RELIGION OR EVEN CALLED RELIGION MANY SPECIALISTS IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND ALSO MANY OF THOSE WHO STUDY ANCIENT CULTURES DOUBT OR EVEN REJECT OUTRIGHT RELIGION AS A CROSS HISTORICAL CATEGORY ON THE ONE HAND AND ON THE OTHER ANYTHING COMMON ABOUT RELIGION ACROSS THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN AND SOME COGNITIVE SCIENTISTS WHO AGAINST RELIGION SPECIALISTS HAVE ARGUED FOR THE CENTRALITY OF GODS TO RELIGION

THEN AGREE WITH THE SKEPTICS THAT RELIGION IS NOT A COHERENT SOCIAL OBJECT A SOCIAL KIND I WILL ARGUE THAT LONG DISCREDITED FORMS OF ANTI REALISM AND UNTENABLE ANTHROPOCENTRISM HAUNT BOTH GROUPS AMONG OTHER AREAS I WORK IN CHRISTIANITY AND JUDAISM DO THEY BELONG TO MEDITERRANEAN RELIGION ONE CAN EASILY SEE HOW COMING TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT RELIGION IS AND WHAT MEDITERRANEAN RELIGION IS FORM KEY QUESTIONS I WILL ARGUE THAT RELIGION IS A ROBUST REALISTIC ENTITY A SOCIAL KIND AND THAT ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN RELIGION EVEN WITH ALL OF ITS GREAT DIVERSITY OPERATED WITH SOME KEY COMMON PRINCIPLES IT IS NO SECRET THAT CHRISTIANITY AND JUDAISM HAVE PRESENTED THEMSELVES AS UNIQUE AND ESSENTIALLY UNTOUCHED BY AN INFERIOR AND DEGENERATE RELIGIOSITY THAT CHARACTERIZED EVERYONE ELSE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN HISTORY LOOKS DIFFERENT WHEN ONE DISPENSES WITH SUCH NORMATIVELY HEAVY FREIGHT AND SITUATES THE TWO WITHIN RATHER THAN OUTSIDE OF MEDITERRANEAN RELIGION

FEATURES CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LEADING SCHOLARS PROVIDING CRUCIAL INSIGHT INTO THE ROLE OF RELIGIOUS IDEAS STRUCTURES AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE MAKING OF EUROPE INTRODUCES THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF EUROPE S RELIGIOUS AND THE PART THAT THEY PLAYED IN THE FORMATION OF THE CONTINENT EXPLORES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES AND IDEOLOGIES IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CONNECTIONS THAT PLAY OUT VERY DIFFERENTLY IN EAST AND WEST EUROPE EXAMINES THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION FROM THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR UNTIL THE PRESENT DAY ASSESSES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS AND THE IDEA OF EUROPE BOOK JACKET

BETWEEN MAGIC AND RELIGION REPRESENTS A RADICAL RETHINKING OF TRADITIONAL DISTINCTIONS INVOLVING THE TERM RELIGION IN THE ANCIENT GREEK WORLD AND BEYOND THROUGH LATE ANTIQUITY TO THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY THE TITLE INDICATES THE FLUIDITY OF SUCH CONCEPTS AS RELIGION AND MAGIC HIGHLIGHTING THE WIDE VARIETY OF MEANINGS EVOKED BY THESE SHIFTING TERMS FROM ANCIENT TO MODERN TIMES THE CONTRIBUTORS PUT THESE MEANINGS TO THE TEST APPLYING A WIDE RANGE OF METHODS IN EXPLORING THE MANY VARIETIES OF AVAILABLE HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL ICONOGRAPHICAL AND LITERARY EVIDENCE NO READER WILL EVER THINK OF MAGIC AND RELIGION THE SAME WAY AFTER READING THROUGH THE FINDINGS PRESENTED IN THIS BOOK BOTH TERMS EMERGE IN A NEW LIGHT WITH BROADER APPLICATIONS AND DEEPER MEANINGS

SEEING THE GOD WAYS OF ENVISIONING THE DIVINE IN ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN RELIGION IS A COLLECTION OF SCHOLARLY ESSAYS EXPLORING THE CONCEPT OF HOW THE ANCIENTS ENVISIONED THE DEITIES WITHIN VARIOUS RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS INCLUDING JUDAISM GNOSTICISM SYRIAC CHRISTIANITY BYZANTIUM AND CLASSICAL GRECO ROMAN RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY IN THIS BOOK SPECIFIC ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO PHENOMENA SUCH AS DREAMS DAY OR NIGHT TIME VISIONS AND INITIATION RITES PERCEIVED AS MEDIUMS OF DIVINE ENCOUNTER THE WORK DERIVES FROM AN IDEA OF ROBIN LANE FOX WHO IN HIS PAGANS AND CHRISTIANS WRITES WHEN PEOPLE PRAYED THEY EXPECTED THEIR GODS TO COME FROM THE AGE OF HOMER TO THE LAST PLATONISTS IN THE FIFTH CENTURY A D

RESPONDING TO THE PROFOUND CHALLENGES OF OUR TIMES THIS BOOK PROVIDES A COMPARATIVE AND CROSS CULTURAL EXPLORATION OF THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN WAR IN A LONG HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE FROM THE SECOND MILLENNIUM BCE AND EVEN EARLIER UP TO EARLY MODERNITY INDIVIDUAL CHAPTERS FOCUS ON THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN EUROPE AND NORTH AFRICA WIDELY DIVERSE CASE STUDIES EXPLORE THE HISTORIC LINK BETWEEN THE CONDUCT OF WAR AND THE GROWING COMPLEXITY OF HUMAN SOCIETY CONDITIONED BY THE OWNERSHIP OF IDEOLOGICAL AUTHORITY THE BOOK EXPLORES HOW IN MOST HISTORICAL SOCIETIES THIS AUTHORITY WAS RELIGIOUS WRITTEN BY EXPERTS FROM DIFFERENT DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES THE VOLUME CHALLENGES COMMON ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT THE HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RELIGION AND WAR AND EXTENDS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DANGERS AND COMPLEXITIES OF TODAY S WORLD

THIS BOOK EXAMINES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MATERIAL DIMENSIONS OF RELIGION AND CULTURE BY LOOKING AT HOW SCHOLARS HAVE RESEARCHED RELIGIOUS MATERIALITY IN THE PAST AND FOCUSING ESPECIALLY UPON THE VARIETY OF WAYS OBJECTS ARE HANDLED IN CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS LIFE THE READER WILL DISCOVER SOME INSIGHT INTO THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN THE MATERIAL AND THE IMMATERIAL CASE STUDIES ANALYZE THE USE OF THINGS IN RITUALS AND SACRED PLACES AS WELL AS WAYS IN WHICH THEY ARE APPROPRIATED FOR RELIGIOUS AND ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION THE BOOK ATTEMPTS TO

REINTERPRET WHAT THE MATERIALITY IN RELIGION AND CULTURE MIGHT SIGNIFY IN LIGHT OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES AND HELPS TO GAIN SOME GROUND ON THE ABSTRACT PERSPECTIVE OF RELIGIONS SERIES MARBURG RELIGIOUS SCIENCE IN DISCOURSE MARBURGER RELIGIONSWISSENSCHAFT IM DISKURS VOL 2 SUBJECT RELIGIOUS STUDIES SOCIOLOGY

THIS EDITED COLLECTION BRINGS NATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS NARRATIVES INTO CONVERSATION WITH EACH OTHER HELPING READERS TO FORMULATE A MORE SOPHISTICATED COMPREHENSION OF THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FACTORS INVOLVED IN THE RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE AND INTOLERANCE THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN EUROPE AND WESTERN ASIA AND CONTINUES TODAY BRINGING TOGETHER SCHOLARS FROM ASIA THE MIDDLE EAST EUROPE AND AMERICA THIS VOLUME EMBODIES AN INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION OF UNUSUAL RANGE ITS COMPARATIVE APPROACH WILL BE OF INTEREST TO SCHOLARS OF RELIGION AND HISTORY PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH AN EMPHASIS ON INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE

IN ANTIQUITY THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION WAS LINKED BY SEA AND LAND ROUTES THAT FACILITATED THE SPREAD OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRACTICES AMONG THE CIVILIZATIONS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD THE CAMBRIDGE COMPANION TO ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN RELIGIONS PROVIDES AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THIS AREA AND EXPLORES CURRENT RESEARCH REGARDING THE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES AMONG THEM THE PERIOD COVERED IS FROM THE PREHISTORIC PERIOD TO LATE ANTIQUITY THAT IS CA 4000 BCE TO 600 CE THE FIRST NINE ESSAYS IN THE VOLUME PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE CHARACTERISTICS AND HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF THE MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THE REGION INCLUDING THOSE OF EGYPT MESOPOTAMIA SYRIA CANAAN ISRAEL ANATOLIA IRAN GREECE ROME AND EARLY CHRISTIANITY THE LAST FIVE ESSAYS DEAL WITH KEY TOPICS IN CURRENT RESEARCH ON THESE RELIGIONS INCLUDING VIOLENCE IDENTITY THE BODY GENDER AND VISUALITY TAKING AN EXPLICITLY COMPARATIVE APPROACH AND PRESENTING RECENT THEORETICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN CONTEMPORARY SCHOLARSHIP

RELIGION AND ITS HISTORY OFFERS A REFLECTION OF OUR OPERATIVE CONCEPT OF RELIGION AND RELIGIONS DEVELOPING A SET OF APPROACHES THAT BRIDGE THE WIDELY ASSUMED GULF BETWEEN ANALYSING PRESENT RELIGION AND DOING HISTORY OF RELIGION RELIGIOUS STUDIES HAVE ADAPTED A WIDE RANGE OF METHODOLOGIES FROM SOCIOLOGICAL TOOL KITS TO INSIGHTS AND CONCEPTS FROM DISCIPLINES OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES THEIR MASSIVE HISTORICAL CLAIMS WHICH TYPICALLY IDEALIZE AND REIFY COMMUNITIES AND TRADITIONS AND BUILD NORMATIVE CLAIMS THEREUPON LACK A CRITICAL ENGAGEMENT ON THE PART OF THE RESEARCHERS THIS BOOK RADICALLY RETHINKS AND CRITICALLY ENGAGES WITH THESE BIASES IT DOES SO BY OFFERING NEITHER AN ABRIDGED GLOBAL HISTORY OF RELIGION NOR A SMALL HANDBOOK OF METHODOLOGY INSTEAD THIS BOOK PRESENTS CONCEPTS AND METHODS THAT ALLOW THE ANALYSIS OF CONTEMPORARY AND PAST RELIGIOUS PRACTICES IDEAS AND INSTITUTIONS WITHIN A SHARED FRAMEWORK

THE INTEREST IN INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH ON THE EXPERIENCE OF RELIGIOUS CONVERSION OR SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION GROWS PROGRESSIVELY IN LIGHT OF THIS BURGEONING AREA OF STUDY THIS VOLUME EXPLORES CONVERSION OR CONVERTING EXPERIENCE IN THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN WITH ATTENTION TO EARLY JUDAISM EARLY CHRISTIANITY AND PHILOSOPHY IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE THE CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDE BOTH HISTORICAL AND PHILOLOGICAL RECONSTRUCTIONS RELYING ON SOURCE MATERIAL AND UTILIZING INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES SIMILARLY THE AUTHORS ANALYZE THE LITERARY USE OF THE MOTIF OF CONVERSION THE TOPIC OF PHILOSOPHICAL CONVERSION AS WELL AS RITUAL SOCIAL AND EMBODIED ASPECTS OF SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

GOING BEYOND THE MORE USUAL FOCUS ON JERUSALEM AS A SACRED PLACE THIS BOOK PRESENTS LEGAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE MOST IMPORTANT SACRED PLACES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN THE FIRST PART OF THE BOOK DISCUSSES THE NOTION OF SACRED PLACES IN ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIOLOGICAL AND LEGAL STUDIES AND PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF EXISTING LEGAL APPROACHES TO THE PROTECTION OF SACRED PLACES IN ORDER TO DEVELOP AND DEFINE A NEW LEGAL FRAMEWORK THE SECOND PART INTRODUCES THE MEANING OF SACRED PLACES IN JEWISH CHRISTIAN AND ISLAMIC THOUGHT AND FOCUSES ON THE SIGNIFICANCE AND ROLE THAT SACRED PLACES HAVE IN THE THREE MAJOR MONOTHEISTIC RELIGIONS AND HOW BEST TO PRESERVE THEIR RELIGIOUS NATURE WHILST DESIGNING A NEW INTERNATIONAL STATUTE THE FINAL PART OF THE BOOK IS A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE LEGAL STATUS OF KEY SACRED PLACES AND HOLY CITIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA AND IDENTIFIES A SET OF LEGAL PRINCIPLES TO SUPPORT A

GENERAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH SPECIFIC LEGAL MEASURES CAN BE IMPLEMENTED THE BOOK CONCLUDES WITH A USEFUL APPENDIX FOR THE PROTECTION OF SACRED PLACES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LEADING LAW AND RELIGION SCHOLARS THIS INTERESTING BOOK WILL BE VALUABLE TO THOSE IN THE FIELDS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AS WELL AS RELIGION AND HERITAGE STUDIES

GEOGRAPHY RELIGION GODS AND SAINTS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN EXPLORES THE INFLUENCE OF GEOGRAPHY ON RELIGION AND HIGHLIGHTS A LARGELY UNKNOWN STORY OF RELIGIOUS HISTORY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN IN THE LEVANT AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES OF JEWS CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS JOINTLY VENERATED AND LARGELY SHARED THREE IMPORTANT SAINTS OR HOLY FIGURES JEWISH ELIJAH CHRISTIAN ST GEORGE AND MUSLIM AL KHI[?] R THESE FIGURES SHARE PECULIAR CHARACTERISTICS SUCH AS ASSOCIATIONS WITH RAIN GREENNESS FERTILITY AND STORMS ONLY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN ARE ELIJAH ST GEORGE AND AL KHI[?] R SHARED BETWEEN RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES OR CHARACTERIZED BY THESE SAME AGRICULTURAL ATTRIBUTES ATTRIBUTES THAT ALSO WERE SHARED BY REGIONAL RELIGIOUS FIGURES FROM EARLIER TIME PERIODS SUCH AS THE ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STORM GOD BAAL HADAD AND LEVANTINE ZEUS THIS BOOK TELLS THE STORY OF HOW THAT CAME TO BE AND SUGGESTS THAT THE FIGURES SHARE SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS OVER A VERY LONG PERIOD OF TIME BECAUSE THESE MOTIFS WERE SHAPED BY THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE REGION ULTIMATELY THIS BOOK SUGGESTS THAT REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY HAS INFLUENCED REGIONAL RELIGION THAT JUDAISM CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM ARE NOT HISTORICALLY OR TEXTUALLY SPEAKING SEPARATE RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS EVEN IF JEWS CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS ARE MEMBERS OF DISTINCT RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES AND THAT SHARED RELIGIOUS PRACTICES BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THESE AND OTHER LOCAL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES ARE NOT UNUSUAL INSTEAD SHARED PRACTICES AROSE OUT OF A COMMON GEOGRAPHICAL ENVIRONMENT AND AN INTERCONNECTED RELIGIOUS HERITAGE AND ARE A NATURAL HISTORICAL FEATURE OF RELIGION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN THIS VOLUME WILL BE OF INTEREST TO STUDENTS OF ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN RELIGIONS JUDAISM CHRISTIANITY ISLAM SAINTHOOD AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST MIDDLE EASTERN RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL HISTORY AND THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN GEOGRAPHY AND RELIGION

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