

Course literature

Middle East: Religions and Early History, 7.5hp

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Required Books

- Cohen, Charles L. *The Abrahamic Religions: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press, USA, 2020. ISBN-13:978-0190654344
- Berkey, Jonathan P. *The formation of Islam: Religion and society in the Near East, 600–1800*. (Cambridge University Press, 2002).
- Starr, S. Frederick. *Lost Enlightenment: Central Asia's Golden Age from the Arab Conquest to Tamerlane*. Princeton University Press, 2013.

Supplementary reading

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- Foster, Paul. *The Apocryphal Gospels: A very short introduction*. OUP Oxford, 2009. ISBN-13:978-0199236947.

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 - Debié, Muriel. "Christians in the service of the caliph: through the looking glass of communal identities." *Christians and Others in the Umayyad State* (2016): 53-72.
 - Donner, Fred M. "Qur'anicization of religio-political discourse in the Umayyad period." *Revue des Mondes Musulmans et de la Méditerranée* 129 (2011): 79-92.
 - Kohlberg, Etan. "From imāmiyya to ithnā-'ashariyya." *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 39, no. 3 (1976): 521-534.
 - Luz, Nimrod. "Aspects of Islamization of Space and Society in Mamluk Jerusalem and its Hinterland," *Mamluk Studies Review*, 6 (2002), 133-154.
 - Pagels, Elaine H. "What became of God the mother? Conflicting images of God in early Christianity." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 2, no. 2 (1976): 293-303.
 - Reeves, John C. "Jewish pseudepigrapha in Manichaean literature: The influence of the Enochic library." *Tracing the threads: Studies in the vitality of Jewish pseudepigrapha* (1994): 173-203.
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 - Wood, Philip. "The idea of freedom in the writings of non-Chalcedonian Christians in the fifth and sixth centuries." *History of European Ideas* 44, no. 6 (2018): 774-794.
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