

101 Essential Readings in the Study of Religion

- Agamben G., *Homo Sacer* (1995-2018)
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- Bateson G., *Steps to an Ecology of Mind* (1972)
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- Benjamin W., *Illuminationen. Ausgewählte Schriften* (1955)
- Benveniste É., *Le Vocabulaire des institutions indo-européennes* (1969)
- Berger P.L., *The Sacred Canopy: Elements of a Sociological Theory of Religion* (1967)
- Bernand & Gruzinski, *De l'idolâtrie. Une archéologie des sciences religieuses* (1988)
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- Borgeaud P., *Aux origines de l'histoire des religions* (2004)
- Bourdieu P., *Esquisse d'une théorie de la pratique* (1972)
- Boyarin D., *Border Lines: The Partition of Judaeo-Christianity* (2004)
- Boyer P., *Religion Explained: The Evolutionary Origins of Religious Thought* (2001)
- Burkert W., *Homo Necans. Interpretationen altgriechischer Opferriten und Mythen* (1972)
- Caillois R., *L'Homme et le Sacré* (1939)
- Canetti E., *Masse und Macht* (1960)
- Cardona G.R., *La foresta di piume. Manuale di etnosciienza* (1995)
- Cassirer E., *Philosophie der symbolischen Formen* (1923)
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- Culianu I.P., *Éros et magie à la Renaissance, 1484* (1984)
- Debray R., *Dieu, un itinéraire. Matériaux pour l'histoire de l'Éternel en Occident* (2001)
- De Martino E., *La fine del mondo. Contributo all'analisi delle apocalissi culturali* (1977)
- Descola P., *Par-delà nature et culture* (2005)
- Dodds E.R., *Pagan and Christian in an Age of Anxiety: Some Aspects of Religious Experience from Marcus Aurelius to Constantine* (1965)
- Doniger W., *Other Peoples' Myths: The Cave of Echoes* (1989)
- Douglas M., *Purity and Danger: An Analysis of Concepts of Pollution and Taboo* (1966)
- Dubuisson D., *Mythologies du XXe siècle (Dumézil, Lévi-Strauss, Eliade)* (1993)
- Dumézil G., *Mythe et épopée I* (1968)
- Durkheim É., *Les Formes élémentaires de la vie religieuse* (1912)
- Eliade M., *Traité d'histoire des religions* (1949)
- Febvre L., *Le problème de l'incroyance au XVIème siècle. La religion de Rabelais* (1942)
- Foucault M., *Les Mots et les Choses. Une archéologie des sciences humaines* (1966)
- Frazer J.G., *The Golden Bough: A Study in Magic and Religion* (1906-1915)
- Freud S., *Der Mann Moses und die monotheistische Religion* (1939)

- Frobenius L., *Kulturgeschichte Afrikas. Prolegomena zu einer historischen Gestaltlehre* (1933)
- Fustel de Coulanges N.D., *La Cité antique* (1864)
- Geertz C., *The Interpretation of Cultures* (1973)
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- Halbwachs M., *Les Cadres sociaux de la mémoire* (1925)
- Hazard P., *La Crise de la conscience européenne, 1680-1715* (1935)
- Hofstadter & Dennett, *The Mind's I: Fantasies and Reflections on Self and Soul* (1981)
- Hollier D., *Le Collège de Sociologie, 1937-1939* (1979)
- Horkheimer & Adorno, *Dialektik der Aufklärung* (1944)
- Hughes A.W., *The Study of Judaism: Identity, Authenticity, Scholarship* (2013)
- Huizinga J., *Homo Ludens* (1938)
- James W., *The Varieties of Religious Experience* (1902)
- Jesi F., *Materiali mitologici. Mito e antropologia nella cultura mitteleuropea* (1979)
- Jolles A., *Einfache Formen* (1930)
- Kantorowicz E., *The King's Two Bodies: A Study in Mediaeval Political Theology* (1957)
- Kojève A., *La Notion de l'autorité* (1942)
- Lakoff & Johnson, *Metaphors We Live By* (1980)
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- Lenski G., *The Religious Factor: A Sociological Study of Religion's Impact on Politics, Economics, and Family Life* (1961)
- Léroi-Gourhan A., *Le Geste et la Parole* (1964-1965)
- Lévi-Strauss C., *Anthropologie structurale* (1958) & *La Pensée sauvage* (1962)
- Lincoln B., *Discourse and the Construction of Society: Comparative Studies on Myth, Ritual, and Classification* (1999)
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- Mair V.H., *Painting and Performance: Chinese Picture Recitation and Its Indian Genesis* (1988)
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- Mauss M., *Sociologie et Anthropologie* (1950)
- Müller F.M., *Introduction to the Science of Religion* (1882)
- Onians R.B., *The Origins of European Thought* (1954)
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- Puech H.-C., *En quête de la Gnose* (1978)

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- Rozik E., *The Roots of Theatre: Rethinking Ritual and Other Theories of Origin* (2002)
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- Said E.W., *Orientalism* (1978)
- Santillana & Dechend, *Hamlet's Mill: An Essay Investigating the Origins of Human Knowledge and Its Transmission Through Myth* (1969)
- Scholem G., *Sabbatai Ševi: The Mystical Messiah* (1973)
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- Sloterdijk P., *Sphären* (1998-2004)
- Smith J.Z., *Relating Religion: Essays in the Study of Religion* (2004)
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- Vernant & Vidal-Naquet, *Mythe et tragédie en Grèce ancienne* (1972-1986)
- Voegelin E., *Order and History* (1956-1987)
- Weber M., *Gesammelte Aufsätze zur Religionssoziologie* (1920)
- Whitehouse H., *Modes of Religiosity: A Cognitive Theory of Religious Transmission* (2004)
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NOTE. There is no need to underline the idiosyncratic and 'non-canonical' character of the present list. For one thing, the selection does not include modern works which are to be regarded as milestones in the critical study of religion, such as Montaigne's *Apologie de Raymond Sebond* (1588), Spinoza's *Tractatus theologico-politicus* (1680), or Vico's *Scienza Nuova* (1744). Textbooks and anthologies have been excluded as well: in this respect, highly recommended are W. Braun and R.T. McCutcheon (eds.), *Guide to the Study of Religion* (2000); J.J. Kripal (et alii), *Comparing Religion: Coming to Terms* (2014); R.A. Segal, *The Myth and Ritual Theory: An Anthology* (1998); M.A. Stausberg and S. Engler (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Study of Religion* (2016); I. Strenski, *Thinking about Religion: A Reader* (2006); and M. Taylor (ed.), *Critical Terms for Religious Studies* (1998). For recent discussion on the concept of religion (in English), see esp. C.A. Barton and D. Boyarin, *Imagine No Religion: How Modern Abstractions Hide Ancient Realities* (2016); J.S. Jensen, *What Is Religion?* (2014); and B. Nongbri, *Before Religion: A History of a Modern Concept* (2013).