

HISTORY OF
**ANCIENT
RELIGION**

Meeting 14 **Early Christians**

- Religion in ancient Rome
- Law and ethics
- The advent of Christianity

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Upcoming dates

- **Weekly online stuff:**
 - Thursday, 15 December
 - Sunday, 18 December

First post due responding to the reading
Second post due responding to the discussion
No quiz this week

- Thursday 15 December
- Monday 26 December

Final Exam
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Ultimate Deadline for late papers and resubmissions

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Romans

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Roman gods as "divine citizens" of Rome

- Were consulted before actions of the state
- Sent messages and warnings
- Received honors for Rome's successes
- Had protected spaces set aside for them
- Effigies attended festivals and games

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Haruspicia

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Augury

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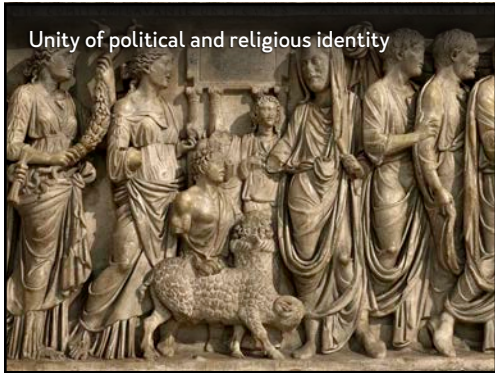
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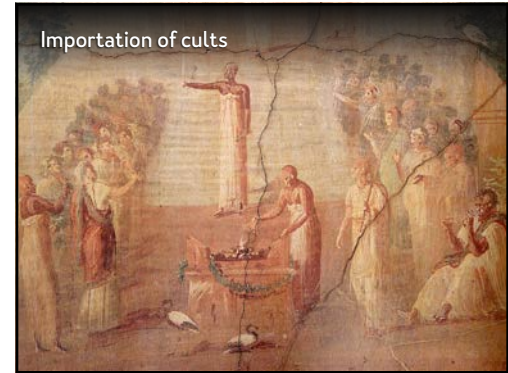
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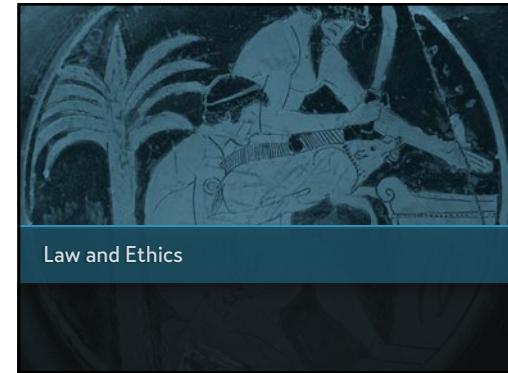
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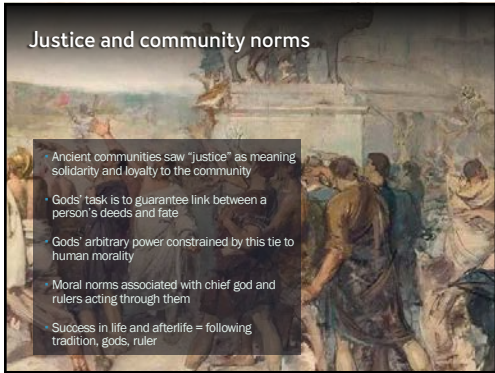
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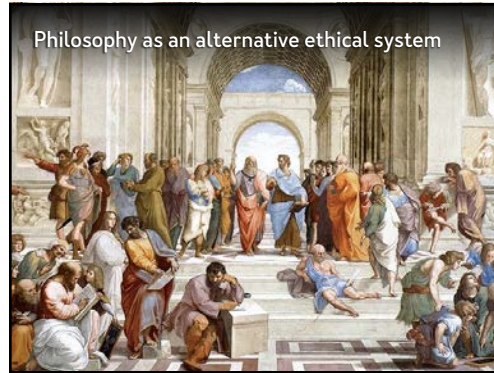
Justice and community norms

- Ancient communities saw "justice" as meaning solidarity and loyalty to the community
- Gods' task is to guarantee link between a person's deeds and fate
- Gods' arbitrary power constrained by this tie to human morality
- Moral norms associated with chief god and rulers acting through them
- Success in life and afterlife = following tradition, gods, ruler



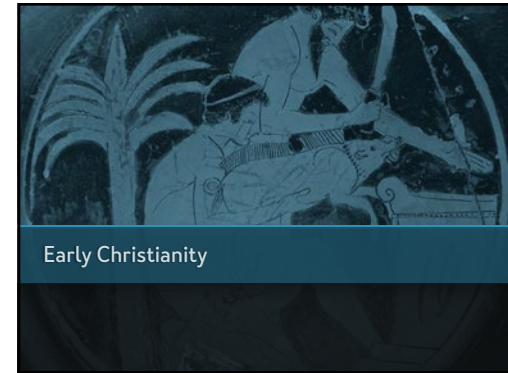
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Philosophy as an alternative ethical system

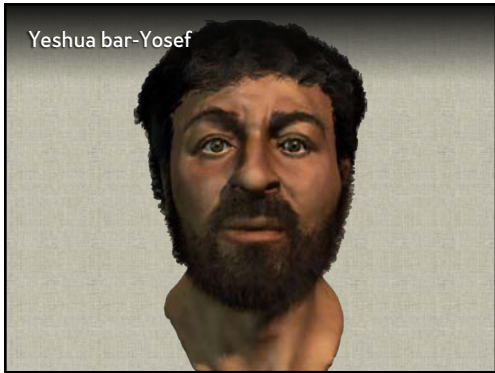


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Early Christianity



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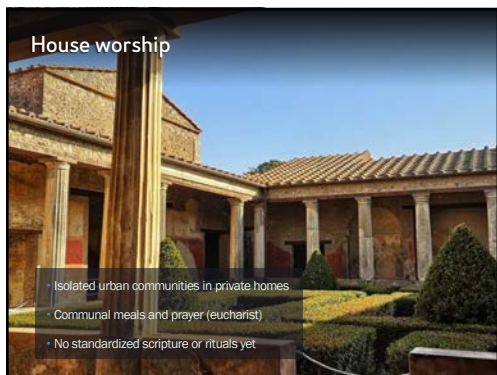
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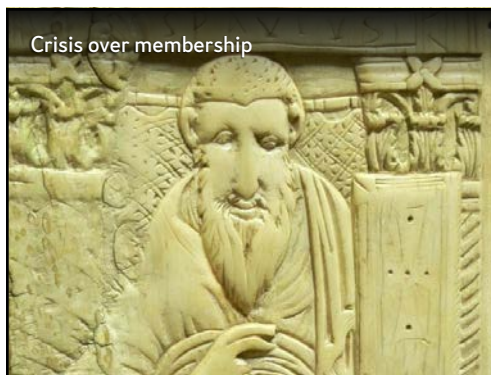
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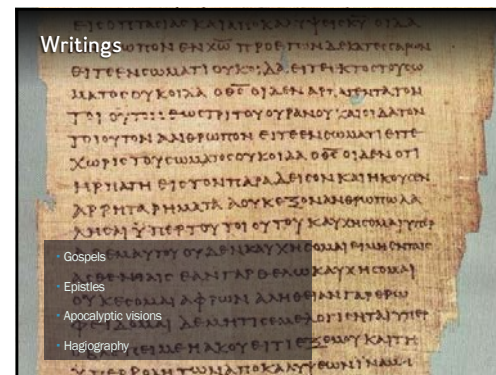
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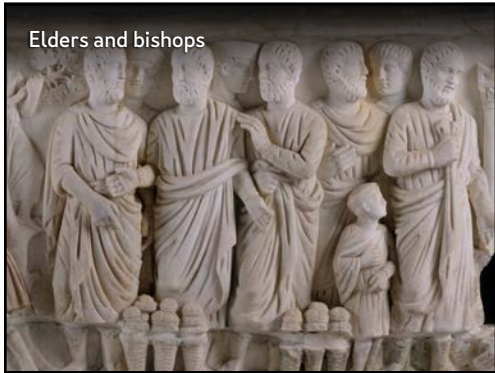
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