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Ancient Greek religion encompasses the collection of beliefs, rituals, and mythology originating in ancient Greece in the form of both popular public religion and cult practices. These groups varied enough for it to be possible to speak of Greek religions or "cults" in the plural, though most of them shared similarities. Most ancient Greeks recognized the twelve major Olympian gods and goddesses—Zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Demeter, Athena, Ares, Aphrodite, Apollo, Artemis, Hephaestus, Hermes, and either Ancient Greek Religion Greek Religion fast facts and introduction. Adherents. ancient form extinct; various modern revivals. Beliefs. Polytheism. Human life is subject to the whim of the gods and to Fate; these can be controlled through sacrifice and divination. Two of the most powerful empires in the ancient world were Greece and Rome. It's impossible to understand these empires without understanding the religions that were so important to them. Greek religion, spreading as it did over many centuries and many different city-states, incorporated a great deal of variety in its beliefs. Nevertheless, the "pantheons current among different communities have enough in common to be seen as essentially one system, and were generally understood as such by the Greeks full article → . Gods. If we are careful to study Greek Religion from the framework of the ancient Greeks, we notice that religion, politics, and the civil life were all tied together. This observation is what led them to title the book, Religion in the Ancient Greek City. Religion is played out not only in the home life (oikos), but also as a part of the overall working of the city-states. The book also discusses how religion was able to unite the Greeks in pan-Hellenic celebrations (the most famous for us being the Olympics or the plays in celebration of Dionysus - think of Euripides, Sophocles, Aeschylus, or Aristophanes). Another amazing discussion in the book was how to understand the myths, and representation of the gods, as a whole. Greek religion, the religious beliefs and practices of the ancient Hellenes. The gods on Olympus: Athena, Zeus, Dionysus, Hera, and Aphrodite. Detail of a painting on a Greek cup; in the National Archaeological Museum, Tarquinia, Italy. Alinari/Art Resource, New York. Although its origins may be traced to the remotest eras, Greek religion in its developed form lasted more than a thousand years, from the time of Homer (probably 9th or 8th century bce ) to the reign of the emperor Julian (4th century ce ). During that period its influence spread as far west as Spain, east to the Indus River , and throughout the Mediterranean world. Facts About Ancient Greek Religion: Most of the festivals were given to honor the gods and goddesses. Temples were built for the gods and goddesses to live in. If things were going good in the town it would mean that the gods and goddesses were happy. Where did the Ancient Greeks believe the gods and goddesses came from? They believed that the gods and goddesses came from the Earth and the sky. Where was it believed that the most 10 important Ancient Greek gods lived? The Ancient Greeks believed that the 10 most important gods and goddesses lived on top of Mount Olympus.

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