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Manuk Abeghyan

[Armenian Folk Beliefs](#). This is an English translation of Manuk Abeghyan's doctoral dissertation (Leipzig, 1899). Originally published in German (*Der armenische Volksglaube*), this important and influential study was subsequently translated into Armenian by the noted philologist and linguist Dr. Dora Sakayan, and from Armenian into English by Dr. Robert Bedrosian. Manuk Abeghyan/Abeghian (1865-1944), a renowned scholar of Armenian literature and folklore, discusses the following topics in this work: 1. The Sources and a General Characterization of Armenian Folk Beliefs; 2. Belief in Spirits and Worship of the Dead; 3. Light and Darkness; 4. Belief in Fate; 5. Worship of Water and Plants; 6. Worship of Fire; 7. Worship of Snakes; 8. Stories about Thunderstorms; 9. Spirit of the Wind; 10. Water, Forest, and Mountain Spirits; 11. Spells and Evil Spirits. Zipped HTML files, or searchable pdf available.

[Der armenische Volksglaube](#), by Manuk Abeghian (Leipzig, 1899), in 138 pdf pages.

[Հայ ժողովրդական առասպելները Մ. Խորենացու Հայոց պատմութեան մէջ](#) [Hay zhoghovrdakan ar'aspelnere" M. Xorenats'u Hayots' patmut'ean me'j](#) [[Armenian Folk Myths in Movses Khorenats'i's History of the Armenians](#)], by Manuk Abeghyan (Vagharshapat, 1899), in 609 pdf pages.

[Երկեր I Erker I \[Works I\]](#), by Manuk Abeghyan (Erevan, 1966), in 597 pdf pages. Contents of volume 1 of Abeghyan's collected works include his magisterial study of Armenian gods, myths, legends, the motifs found in ancient Armenian literature, as well as his study of the folk epic David of Sassoun.

[Հայ քնարական քանահյուսությունն Hay k'narakan banahyusut'yun](#) [[Armenian Lyric Folklore](#)], by Manuk Abeghyan (Erevan, 1967), in 398 searchable pdf pages. This is volume 2 of Abeghyan's collected works, which contains sections on ancient minstrel songs and folk games.

["Վիշապներ" կոչված կոթողներն իբրև Աստղիկ-Դերկետո դիցունհու արձաններ "Vishapner" koch'vats kot'oghner n ibrev Astghik-Derketo dits'uhu ardzanner](#) [[The Stelae Called "Vishaps" as Monuments to the Goddess Astghik-Derketo](#)], by Manuk Abeghyan. From *Erker E' [Works 7]* (Erevan, 1975), pp. 103-175 with six plates, in 82 pdf pages.

Mardiros H. Ananikian

[Armenian Mythology](#), from *The Mythology of All Races* Volume VII (New York, 1925). The finest English-language treatment of Armenian mythology. The Religious Development; Chief Deities;

Iranian Deities; Semitic Deities; Vahagn "The Eighth" God; Nature Worship and Nature Myths; 1. Sun, Moon, and Stars; 2. Fire; 3. Water. 4. Trees, Plants, and Mountains; Heroes; The World of Spirits and Monsters; Cosmogony, Death, and Eschatology. Map of the ancient temples. Zipped HTML files and searchable pdf available.

[The Zoroastrian Religion in Armenia](#), by Mardiros H. Ananikian. This entry appears in *Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics*, vol. 1 (New York, 1908), pp. 794-802, with the title "Armenia (Zoroastrian)". Ananikian's entry, together with essays by A. H. Sayce (Vannic/Urartian Religion) and F. Macler (Christianity in Armenia), *ERE*, vol. 1, pp. 793-807, in 17 searchable pdf pages.

Josef Karst

[Mythologie arméno-caucasienne et hétito-asianique](#), by Josef Karst (Strasbourg, 1948), in 404 searchable pdf pages. Répertoire des antiques religions païennes de l'Asie antérieure septentrionale comparées avec le panthéon chamito-sémitique, pélasgo-égéen et hespéro-atlantique.

Armen Petrosyan

[Հայագիտական ուսումնասիրություններ \[Armenological Studies\]](#), by Armen Petrosyan, in 1071 searchable and bookmarked pdf pages. This is a collection of 37 Armenian-language articles and monographs about the folklore, mythology, language, and history of Armenia and its neighbors, published by the distinguished philologist between the years 1997 and 2017.

[Арменоведческие исследования \[Armenological Studies\]](#) (Erevan, 2014) in 268 searchable and bookmarked pdf pages. Twelve Russian-language articles published in various journals by Petrosyan during the past ten years. From the book jacket: "This book is devoted to the study of various aspects of the history and culture of Armenia from earliest times to the present. Its articles share a thematic connection to folklore: from Indo-European and Middle Eastern myths, to ancient and medieval epics, and contemporary children's counting rhymes. The book is intended for specialists in the history and culture of Armenia, for folklorists and linguists, as well as for everyone interested in mythology, epic and the history of Armenia and adjacent countries."

[Problems of Armenian Prehistory. Myth, Language, History](#) (Erevan, 2015), in 264 searchable and bookmarked pdf pages. This is a collection of twelve stunning articles in English, written by the world-renowned Armenian polymath.

Contents: "Forefather Hayk in the Light of Comparative Mythology," from *Journal of Indo-European Studies* Vol. 37, 2009, Number 1 & 2, pp. 155-163; "The Indo-European *H2ner(t)-s and the Dānu Tribe," from *JIES* Vol. 35, 2007, 3 & 4: 297-310; "Armenian Traditional Black Youths: the Earliest Sources," from *JIES* Vol. 39, 2011, Number 3 & 4, pp. 342-354; "Armenia and Ireland: Myths of Prehistory," from *JIES* Monograph 61, entitled *Ireland and Armenia: Studies in Language, History and Narrative* (Washington, 2013), pp. 113-131; "The Cities of Kumme, Kummanna and Their God Teššub/Teišeba," in M. Huld, K. Jones-Bley, D. Miller (eds.) *Archaeology and Language: Indo-European Studies Presented to James P. Mallory, Journal of Indo-European Studies*, Monograph 60 (Washington, 2012), pp. 141-156; "Haldi and Mithra/Mher," from *Aramazd: Armenian Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 1(2006), pp. 222-238;

"State Pantheon of Greater Armenia: Earliest Sources," from *Aramazd: Armenian Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 2007, pp. 174-201; "The Eastern Hittites in the South and East of the Armenian Highland?" from *Aramazd: Armenian Journal of Near Eastern Studies* IV, 1(2009), pp. 63-72; "Armenian Elements in Urartian Language and Onomastics," from *Aramazd: Armenian Journal of Near Eastern Studies* V, 1(2010).

Festschrift in Honor of Nicolay Harutyunyan on the Occasion of His 90th Birthday, pp. 133-140; "The Problem of Identification of the Proto-Armenians: A Critical Review," from *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies*, vol. 16, 2007, pp. 25-66; "First Capitals of Armenia and Georgia: Armawir and Armazi (Problems of Early Ethnic Associations)," from *Journal of Indo-European Studies* 40, 3-4, 2012, pp. 265-288; "Collegiality and Interchange in Armenian Studies," from *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies*, 2011, Volume 20, pp. 137-156; Abbreviations; Bibliography, and Index.

Robert Bedrosian

[Eastern Asia Minor and the Caucasus in Ancient Mythologies](#) (1993).

This study examines the geographical references and allusions to eastern Asia Minor and the Caucasus in the ancient myths of the Greeks, Sumerians, Hurrians, Iranians, and Indians, and analyzes the images they define.

During the past century, significant comparative analysis has been done on the Armenian and Georgian deities and their would-be counterparts in the pantheons of neighboring societies. The works of scholars such as the Armenists Abeghian, Adontz, Ananikian, Karst, Khalatians', and Matikian, and the Caucasiologists Allen, Charachidze, Grigolia, Inadze, and Tseretheli, belong in this category. Similarly, the works of mythologists such as W. Burkert, G. Dumézil, and K. Kerényi have at their base comparative analyses of deities, their functions, and the shared themes found in western and eastern mythologies. The geographical focus adopted in the present study both expands the volume of pertinent source material and, simultaneously, frees it from the requirement of having to possess some echo in the extant mythologies of the Armenians and Georgians. Zipped HTML files or pdf available.

[Soma among the Armenians](#) (2000). This study examines the thesis of R. Gordon Wasson and his colleagues about the *Amanita Muscaria* mushroom, and then examines several ancient Armenian legends and customs in the light of those findings. A first look at the ethnobotany of the Armenian Highlands. Zipped HTML files or pdf available.

[References to Eastern Asia Minor in the Bible](#) (2009). The few but precious references to eastern Asia Minor found in the Bible may be divided into three general categories: 1) geographical, 2) tribal-ethnic, and 3) commerce-related. This brief article examines these references in greater detail and provides links to relevant Internet secondary sources, such as Igor Diakonoff's *Pre-history of the Armenian People*, and Cyril Toumanoff's *Studies in Christian Caucasian History*. HTML file.

[Materials for the Study of Extraterrestrial Presence in Human History Based on Ancient Primary Sources](#) (2012). This is an investigation of a handful of passages in ancient primary sources which stand out for their strangeness, and seem to suggest that extraterrestrials or intelligent non-humans had some role in early human history. The essay discusses the Oannes creatures/entities described in Eusebius' *Chronicle*, as well as Mesopotamian and Biblical narratives about human origins, exterminations, and the intermarriage of humans with their creators. The airship supposedly described in the Book of Ezekiel is included for documentation purposes. The article's footnotes contain links to a good deal of reliable downloadable material by specialists. Zipped HTML files or pdf available.

[Dayeakut'iwn in Ancient Armenia](#). This article was published in *Armenian Review* Vol.37(1984) pp. 23-47. A Polish translation (made by Leon Ter-Oganjan) appeared in pamphlet: Robert Bedrosjan, *Dajekut'iun* (Warsaw, 1987). This is a study of milk-brotherhood, an unusual form of child rearing practised in ancient Armenia and other parts of the Caucasus. In Armenia it involved the young sons of the country's lords or *naxarars*, who were sent to the sometimes distant districts of other lords, to

be raised and educated there. Probably at age fifteen the youth returned to his own home, perhaps with a bride from his "adopted" family. Between the youth (called the *san* "pupil," "foster child," "protege") and the host *naxarar* (called the *dayeak*), a life-long bond existed; should the youth go home with a wife, the mutual interests of two *naxarar* Houses might be advanced. How ancient this practice was among the Armenians cannot be determined accurately. The earliest historical sources written in Armenian date from the fifth century A.D.; but *dayeakut'iwn* may have been practiced in Armenia many centuries earlier. In one form or another, *dayeakut'iwn* endured into the nineteenth century, though information on the more modern survivals of the custom comes from Georgia and other parts of the Caucasus rather than from Armenia. Zipped HTML files or pdf available.

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[Motif-Index of Folk-Literature](#), by Stith Thompson. Stith Thompson's *Motif-Index of Folk-Literature: A Classification of Narrative Elements in Folktales, Ballads, Myths, Fables, Mediaeval Romances, Exempla, Fabliaux, Jest-Books, and Local Legends* (Bloomington, Indiana, 1955-1958), in 2497 searchable and bookmarked pdf pages.

[Armenian Folklore Bibliography](#), by Anne M. Avakian (Los Angeles, 1994), in 234 bookmarked and searchable pdf pages. This excellent work contains citations of articles and books on Armenian folklore, in multiple languages. Probably the best available resource in English for folklore bibliography.

[AH Ts'ankk' 1896-1916](#), indices for the journal **Ազգագրական Հանդես** *Azgagrakan Hande's* [*Ethnographic Review*] (Shushi and Tiflis, 1895/96-1916), in 176 pdf pages.

[Eminean Ts'ankk' 1901-1913](#), indices for the journal **Էմինեան ազգագրական ժողովածու** *E'minean azgagrakan zhoghovatsu* [*Emin's Ethnographic Review*] (various cities, 1901-1913), in 24 pdf pages.

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[David of Sassoun](#), Armenian epic, translated by Artin K. Shalian (New York, 1964). *David of Sassoun* [Sasun] is an Armenian oral folk epic with ancient roots. It describes in four cycles the heroes/daredevils of the district of Sasun to the southwest of Lake Van, and their pursuit of national liberation against foreign tyrants. This magnificent English translation was made by Artin Shalian (New York, 1964) from the Armenian edition of 1939. Zipped HTML files or pdf available.

[Iranian Mythology](#), by Albert J. Carnoy, from the *Mythology of All Races* Volume VI (Boston, 1917). Perhaps the finest English-language treatment of Iranian mythology. Contents include: Wars of Gods and Demons; Myths of Creation; The Primal Heroes; Legends of Yima; Traditions of the Kings and Zoroaster; The Life to Come; Conclusion. Zipped HTML files or pdf available.

[Zoroastrianism](#), by Albert J. Carnoy. This concise, scholarly article (8 pdf pages) appeared on pp. 862-868 of Volume 12 of the *Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics* (New York, 1921). Its author, the distinguished Iranist Albert J. Carnoy, describes what is known about Zoroaster from Greek and Eastern sources, about his reform, doctrine, Mazdaism, Zoroastrian worship, and Zoroastrianism's seminal influence on other religions.

[Analogies in Iranian and Armenian Folklore](#), by Eugene Wilhelm, from the *Spiegel Memorial Volume* (Bombay, 1908) pp. 65-83. The author, a distinguished Iranist, compares motifs common to Armenian and Persian myths and folk beliefs. A fascinating, concise scholarly study. Pdf file.

[Իրանեան տարրերն հայ ժողովրդական հավատքին մէջ](#) *Iranian tarner hay zhoghovrdakan hawat' in me' j* [[Iranian Elements in Armenian Folk Belief](#)], by Joh. Hambroer, in 18 bookmarked pdf pages. This is an Armenian translation, made by E. Boghosian, of a German-language article written for the journal *Hande's Amso'reay*. It was serialized in 67(1953), columns 196-205; and 68(1954) columns 544-561. The author challenges earlier views on the Armenian figure Գրող/Grogh (the Writer), whom he compares to the Iranian Srosh. The Armenian երկնային արաղաղը/erknayin ak'aghaghe" (heavenly cockerel) is compared to the Iranian Parodash.

[A List of the Divine and Demonic Epithets in the Avesta](#), by Louis H. Gray, from *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, Vol. 46 (1926), pp. 97-153, in 58 pdf pages.

[Indian Mythology](#), by A. Berriedale Keith, from *The Mythology of All Races* Volume VI (Boston, 1917). One of the finest English-language treatments of Indian mythology. Contents include: The Rgveda--Gods of Sky and Air; The Rgveda--Gods of Earth, Demons, and Dead; The Mythology of the Brahmanas; The Great Gods of the Epic; Minor Epic Deities and the Dead; The Mythology of the Puranas; Buddhist Mythology in India and Tibet; The Mythology of the Jains; The Mythology of Modern Hinduism; Full bibliography. Zipped HTML files or pdf available.

[Serpent-Worship](#), entry from the *Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics* (New York, 1922), volume 11, pp. 399-423. This is a well-documented series of entries by prominent mythologists: J. A. MacCulloch (Introductory and Primitive, pp. 399-411); W. Crooke (Indian, pp. 411-419); and E. Welsford (Balto-Slavic, pp. 419-423). Aspects of serpent-worship are described in societies from the Far East to the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Americas, in antiquity and to the early 20th century. Includes, among many other cultures: Chinese, Polynesian, Cretan, Egyptian, Babylonian, Canaanite and Hebrew, Greek, Roman, Celtic. Topics include: 1. Worship of the serpent; 2. The serpent as embodiment of the dead; 3. Serpents in the mysteries; 4. The serpent in magical rites; 5. Demoniac and mythical serpents and dragons; 6. Myths about serpents; 7. Woman and the serpent; 8. Children of serpents; 9. Serpent origin of men. 26 pdf pages.

[Demons and Spirits](#), entry from the *Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics* (New York, 1922), volume 4, pp. 565-636. Multiple authors on numerous cultures, in 72 pdf pages.

[Ancestor-Worship and Cult of the Dead](#), entry from the *Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics* (New York, 1908), volume 1, pp. 425-467. Multiple authors on numerous cultures, in 44 pdf pages.

[Magic](#), entry from the *Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics* (New York, 1916), volume 8, pp. 245-321. Multiple authors on numerous cultures, in 78 pdf pages.

[Charms and Amulets](#), entry from the *Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics* (New York, 1910), volume 3, pp. 392-472. Multiple authors on numerous cultures, in 82 searchable pdf pages.

[Abode of the Blest](#), entry from the *Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics* (New York, 1910), volume 2, pp. 680-710. Multiple authors on numerous cultures, in searchable 32 pdf pages.

[Ages of the World](#), entry from the *Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics* (New York, 1908), volume 1, pp. 183-210. Multiple authors on numerous cultures, in 29 pdf pages.

[Selected Writings of Samuel Noah Kramer](#), in 570 bookmarked and searchable pdf pages. The download contains 38 studies by the world-renowned specialist in Sumerian language, literature, and culture, published in a variety of journals between the years 1946 and 1990. In addition, there are clickable links to Kramer's works at Internet Archive and Sacred-Texts, and to Wikipedia, Google Images, and the Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History.

[Armenia, Subartu and Sumer](#) (Chapters 1-5), by Martiros Kavoukjian, translated from Armenian by N. Ouzounian (Montreal, 1987), in 190 searchable and bookmarked pdf pages. Contents: 1. Armani; 2. Ara's Land and People; 3. Aratta and Erech; 4. The Peoples of the Armenian Highland in Antiquity; 5. Mythology.

[Hittite Mythology](#), by Hans Güterbock, pp. 141-179 from the anthology *Mythologies of the Ancient World*, Samuel Noah Kramer, editor (New York, 1961), in 43 pdf pages.

[Tarku among the Ancient Armenians](#), by Nicholas Adontz, in 7 searchable pdf pages. This article, delivered as a lecture at the 12th session of Société asiatique in Paris in November of 1926, was published in the journal *Revue des études arméniennes* 7(1927) pp. 185-194. Adontz suggests a link between the Hittite/Hurrian/Urartian deity Tarku/Teshub, the Armenian Tork'/T'orgom, and the Egyptian god Horus. The present English translation was made by Robert Bedrosian from the REA publication. Attached to the document are the French original and an Armenian translation made by O. Vardazaryan and published in *Works of Nicholas Adontz in Five Volumes*, Volume 1 (Erevan, 2006), pp. 86-96 [in Armenian], P. H. Hovhannisyan, editor. Published on the Internet in 2019. Available in pdf and HTML formats.

[The writings of Morris Jastrow](#), on the mythologies of Babylonia and Assyria, and the history and cultures of the ancient Near East.

The Reports of the Magicians and Astrologers of Nineveh and Babylon in the British Museum, by R. Campbell Thompson, [volume 2](#), English translations, vocabulary, etc. (London, 1900), in 256 pdf pages.

The Devils and Evil Spirits of Babylonia, by R. Campbell Thompson. Both volumes contain English translations, vocabulary, etc. [volume 1](#), (London, 1903), in 290 pdf pages. [volume 2](#), (London, 1904), in 248 pdf pages.

[Babylonian Magic and Sorcery](#), by Leonard W. King (London, 1896), in 396 searchable pdf pages. Texts and translations.

[Chaldean Magic: Its Origin and Development](#), by F. Lenormant, translated from the French original with additions by the author (London, 1878), in 450 pdf pages.

[The Interpretation of Dreams in the Ancient Near East](#), with a Translation of an Assyrian Dream-Book, by A. Leo Oppenheim, from *Transactions of the American Philosophical Society*, New Series, Vol. 46, No. 3 (1956), pp. 179-373, in 196 pdf pages.

[A Babylonian Diviner's Manual](#), by A. Leo Oppenheim, from *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, Vol. 33, No. 2 (Apr., 1974), pp. 197-220, in 25 pdf pages. Text, translation, and plates.

[The writings of A. Leo Oppenheim](#), on the cultures and history of the ancient Middle East.

[Egyptian Magic](#), by E. A. Wallis Budge (London, 1899), in 266 pdf pages.

[The Magicians of Pharaoh](#), by Warren R. Dawson, from *Folklore*, Vol. 47, No. 3 (Sep., 1936), pp. 234-262, in 30 pdf pages.

[The Evil Eye, an Account of the Ancient and Widespread Superstition](#), by Frederick Thomas Elworthy (London, 1895).

[Greece and Babylon: a comparative sketch of Mesopotamian, Anatolian and Hellenic religions](#), by Lewis Richard Farnell (London, 1911),

[Greek Hero Cults](#), by Lewis Richard Farnell (Oxford, 1921).

[The Thunderweapon in Religion and Folklore](#), by Chr. Blinkenberg (Cambridge, 1911), in 148 pdf pages.

[Sabazius](#), by F. Lenormant (Paris, 1875), in 41 searchable pdf pages. French-language study of Sabazius, a sky god of the Phrygians and Thracians. Some have suggested that the name of the Armenian god Astuats derives from Sabazius.

Zoological Mythology, or, The Legends of Animals, by Angelo de Gubernatis (London, 1872) in two volumes: [volume 1](#), in 449 pdf pages. Land animals. [volume 2](#), in 464 pdf pages. Land animals continued; air and sea animals.

[Studies in Classical Weather Folklore](#), by Eugene S. McCartney, in 277 searchable and bookmarked pdf pages. This is a collection of fifteen articles by Eugene S. McCartney, dealing with ancient ideas about weather and other topics. The articles were serialized in a variety of journals such as *Classical Weekly*, *Transactions and Proceedings of the American Philological Association*, *American Journal of Philology*, and *Classical Journal*, during the years 1918-1934. Contents include: *Some Folk-Lore of Ancient Physiology and Psychology*; *Spontaneous Generation and Kindred Notions in Antiquity*; *An Animal Weather Bureau*; *Sex Determination and Sex Control in Antiquity*; *The Folk Calendar of Times and Seasons*; *The "Wooden Horse" and Folk-Lore of Touching*; *Magic and the Weather in Classical Antiquity*; *The Classical Astral Weather Chart for Rustics and for Seamen*; *Popular Methods of Measuring*; *Greek and Roman Weather Lore of the Sun and the Moon*; *Clouds, Rainbows, Weather Galls, Comets, and Earthquakes as Weather Prophets in Greek and Latin Writers*; *Greek and Roman Weather Lore of Winds*; *Classical Weather Lore of Thunder and Lightning*; *Greek and Roman Weather Lore of the Sea*; and *Greek and Roman Weather Lore of Two Destructive Agents, Hail and Drought*.

[Er, Son of Armenius, and Ara the Handsome](#). This is a file with English translations of two related stories. First is Benjamin Jowett's translation of the story of Er, Son of Armenius, from the *Republic* (Book 10. 613-621) by Plato (c. 429-347 B.C.). Second is a translation of the story it is believed to be an echo of, the legend of Ara the Handsome, from a work called the *Primary History of Armenia* or *History of the Ancestors*.

[The Myths of Plato](#), by J. A. Stewart (London, 1905), in 552 searchable pdf pages. Translations and detailed analyses of the myths of Phaedo, Gorgias, Er, Politicus, Protagoras, Timaeus, Phaedrus, the two Symposium myths, Atlantis, and the Earth-Born.

[Two Essays on Semiramis](#), in 25 pdf pages. This is a pdf file containing two short essays about the deity, mythical and/or historical figure called Semiramis or Shamiram: "The Semiramis Legend" by W. Robertson Smith (*English Historical Review* (1887) pp. 303-337) and "The Legend of Semiramis" by A. H. Sayce (*EHR* (1888) pp. 104-113). Discussions of classical and Mesopotamian legends about this woman to whom were attributed numerous cyclopean structures by the Euphrates, Lake Van, and in Iran; description of her cult in Nineveh and in Syrian Hierapolis (Bambyce, Mabbog).

[La légende de Sémiramis](#), premier mémoire de mythologie comparative, by F. Lenormant (Belgium, 1872/73), in 77 pdf pages.

[Semitic Magic, Its Origins and Development](#), by R. Campbell Thompson (London, 1908), in 364 pdf pages.

[Mythology among the Hebrews and Its Historical Development](#), by Ignaz Goldziher (London, 1877), in 552 pdf pages.

[Abraham and the Merchants of Ura](#) by Cyrus Gordon, from *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, Vol. 17, No. 1 (Jan., 1958), pp. 28-31, in 5 pdf pages. In this classic article, Gordon suggests that the city called "Ur of the Chaldees" was not in southern Mesopotamia, but around Urha/Urfa/Edessa, in the vicinity of Harran. He suggests that Patriarch Abraham was not "of the Chaldeans" but of the Hittite/Hurrian Khaldi-worshippers.

[El's Abode: Mythological Traditions Related to Mount Hermon and to the Mountains of Armenia](#), by E. Lipinski, from *Orientalia Lovaniensa Periodica* Volume II (Louvain, 1971) pp. 13-69, in 58 pdf pages. Topics: 1. Mount Hermon and Its Mythological Traditions 2. The Mountains of Armenia and Their Mythological Traditions 3. Ilu Sapani 4. The Nature of El's Abode 5. Conclusion.

[Canaanite Mythology](#), by Cyrus H. Gordon, pages 181-218 from the anthology *Mythologies of the Ancient World* (New York, 1961), edited by Samuel Noah Kramer, in 40 pdf pages.

[The Beginnings of History According to the Bible and the Traditions of Oriental Peoples](#), from the *Creation of Man to the Deluge*, by F. Lenormant (New York, 1882). English translation of the second French edition, in 640 pdf pages.

[The Book of Adam and Eve](#) also called *The Conflict of Adam and Eve with Satan*, translated from the Ethiopic with notes from the Kufale, Talmud, Midrashim and other Eastern works by Solomon Caesar Malan (London, 1882), in 276 searchable pdf pages.

[The Book of Enoch](#), translated by R. H. Charles from Ethiopic manuscripts (Oxford, 1912), in 454 searchable pdf pages. Parts of this book date from the 4th century B.C. Attributed to Enoch, great-grandfather of Noah.

The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament in English by R. H. Charles (Oxford, 1913), in two searchable volumes: [volume 1, Apocrypha](#), in 708 pdf pages; [volume 2, Pseudepigrapha](#), in 898 pdf pages.

[The Testament of Solomon](#), translated by F. C. Conybeare. From *Jewish Quarterly Review* volume 11 (1898), pp. 1-45. Study and translation of an apocryphal Old Testament book under-utilized by folklorists.

[The Serpent in the Old Testament](#), by Ross G. Murison, from *American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literatures*, Vol. 21, No. 2 (Jan., 1905), pp. 115-130, in 17 pdf pages.

[Totemism in the Old Testament](#), by Ross G. Murison, from *Biblical World*, Vol. 18, No. 3 (Sep., 1901), pp. 176-184, in 10 pdf pages.

[Israel and Totemism](#), by Stanley A. Cook, from *Jewish Quarterly Review*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (Apr., 1902), pp. 413-448 in 37 pdf pages.

[Legends of the Patriarchs and Prophets](#) and Other Old Testament Characters from Various Sources, by Sabine Baring-Gould (New York, 1884), in 465 pdf pages.

[Folklore in the Old Testament](#) vol. 1 by James G. Frazer.

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[Rabbinical Legends, Tales, Fables and Aphorisms](#), from *Flowers from a Persian Garden and Other Papers*, by W. A. Clouston (London, 1890).

Louis Ginzberg's Legends of the Jews(Philadelphia, 1911-1918):

- [volume 1](#). Creation to Jacob.
 - [volume 2](#). Joseph to Moses.
 - [volume 3](#). Exodus to the death of Moses.
 - [volume 4](#). Joshua to Esther.
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[The Apocryphal New Testament](#), *Gospels, Epistles, etc. not included in the New Testament by its compilers*, William Hone (London, 1820), in 280 searchable pdf pages.

[The Mythological Acts of the Apostles](#), translated by Agnes Smith Lewis (London, 1904), in 326 searchable pdf pages. Translation of Syriac and Coptic versions of the lives of the early Apostles, which were transformed over time into magical tales.

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