

The myth of the Judeo-Christian tradition

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For that crime Jesus had been crucified.

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The ancient world expected a redeemer.

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This reflected the desire of Protestant America to bring Jews more securely inside the Western tent.

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To begin with, from which Bible and from whose extra-biblical tradition should Judeo-Christian ethics be taken: The Hebrew Scriptures and the Talmud? But if the Judeo-Christian tradition is initially a construct of the Enlightenment, it was not at that time a myth, for what the Enlightenment set out to destroy was, in fact, accurately perceived. It was my first venture into American religious history — the venture of a philologically trained medievalist for whom begriffs-geschichte, the history of concepts, was the normal way to do intellectual and cultural history.

Why 'Judeo

It's a secular myth favoured by people who are not really believers themselves. And it is here that we can identify the myth. First, there is in such language the setting up of a clash of civilizations between the Judeo-Christian on one side and the Muslim on the other — a clash that, unsurprisingly, is mirrored in the ideology of al-Qaeda and other radical Islamist groups.

Is there really such a thing as the

It is a different God, and I believe a very evil and a very wicked religion. When we talk about a Judeo-Christian civilization, we demean and endanger both Judaism and Christianity, and we do neither of them any favors by continuing to reference such an idea. It is not a commonplace in

Europe as it is here; rather, Europeans since the war have become habituated to speak of Jewish-Christian amity, to define the foundations and frontiers of community, to describe and, in describing, to put to rest, historic canards and libels.

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Yet on the battlefields of the culture wars, some Orthodox Jews have found common cause with conservative Christians. For questions about donating materials, please contact. Historians of religion undertook comparative studies of their intellectual and cultural relationships — scholarly efforts that were connected to a commitment to interfaith understanding.

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