

## Course details

### Course title

History: The History of Religion. Part 3: From early Christianity to the Renaissance

### Course code

Q00017278

### Course date

Start: 24/09/24

End: 19/11/24

### Number of classes

9 sessions

### Timetable

Tue 24th Sep, 19:30 to 21:30

Tue 1st Oct, 19:30 to 21:30

Tue 8th Oct, 19:30 to 21:30

Tue 15th Oct, 19:30 to 21:30

Tue 22nd Oct, 19:30 to 21:30

Tue 29th Oct, 19:30 to 21:30

Tue 5th Nov, 19:30 to 21:30

Tue 12th Nov, 19:30 to 21:30

Tue 19th Nov, 19:30 to 21:30

### Branch

Walthamstow Branch

### Tutor

Jacob Cohen

### Fee range

Free to £90.00

## How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

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In venue

## Venue

Peterhouse Community Centre  
122 Forest Rise  
Walthamstow  
London  
E17 3PW

## Level of study

Beginners

## Course overview

This course gives an overview of the social context, politico—historical forces and individual personalities involved in the development of religion during the late classic, medieval and early modern period. This course is ideal for anyone interested in understanding the emergence of Christianity, Islam, Sikhism and 'Humanism' within their wider social contexts. While we will be continuing from where my previous courses left off, previous knowledge is not required.

## Course description

This course will begin by looking at the emergence of Christianity and rabbinic Judaism against the backdrop of the Roman-Jewish Wars. We will then look at how Christianity went from a movement of 'slaves and women' to become the official religion of the Roman Empire. The rise of Islam will be explored within the context of 6th century Arabia and the wider 'geo-political' landscape; we will also examine how the 'heretical' Christian and Jewish movements of the previous centuries connect to this emergence. The spread of Islam and the development of the Islamic empire will then be analysed in terms of their connection to and possible conflict with the original movement lead by Muhammad. We will then attempt to give an overview of the major trends of religious thought during the medieval period. This will include looking at the mystical traditions and heretical movements in both Christianity and Islam as well as comparative studies of trends throughout Asia. This will include a study of early Sikhism. The final part of the course will study the roots of

'modernity'; this will include a view of the 'long reformation' (1200-1400's Europe) and the social-economic roots of the Renaissance and its religious expressions.

## **What financial support is available?**

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## **What other support is available?**

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