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School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies, Evening Lecture Series 2021

Title: Gods, Myths and Prophets of the Ancient Middle East

Date, Time and Place: 18.00-19.00 every Tuesday commencing 23rd March with the final lecture on 18th May. (9 Lectures in total). Lectures will take place over zoom – please contact [Dr. Martin Worthington](mailto:Dr.Martin.Worthington@tcd.ie) for the Zoom link and password.

Summary:

As the birthplace of three of the world's main religions, the Ancient Middle East and its religions have exercised a hugely formative role on world culture. But what was religion in Antiquity actually like – what did it mean to worship many gods, or one? Did people actually believe the myths we can read today? How was it possible for divination to be deemed effective? Were the Egyptians as obsessed with cats as many people think? And why do we have elements of Babylonian and Assyrian culture in the Hebrew Bible?

This evening course, free and open to all, will explore these and other questions. Jointly taught by Anne Fitzpatrick and Martin Worthington of Trinity's Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, it will devote three sessions in turn to Mesopotamia, Egypt and Ancient Judaism. No previous knowledge is required, and this is a golden opportunity to learn about some complex and ever-fascinating ancient cultures.

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