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# ***The Idea of Semitic Monotheism: The Rise and Fall of a Scholarly Myth***

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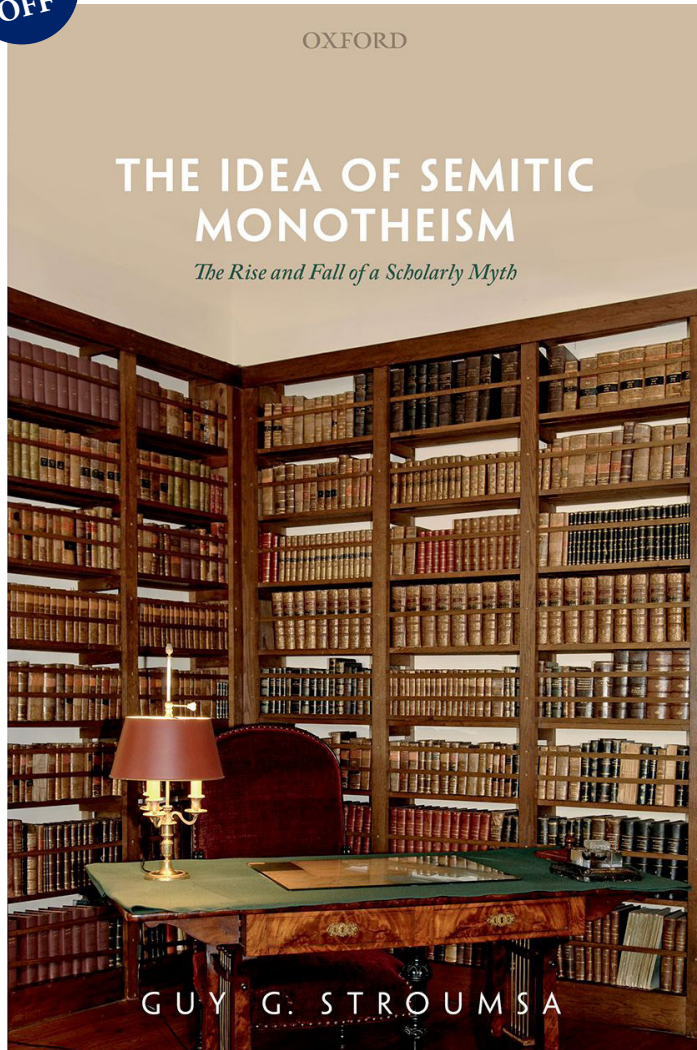
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# THE IDEA OF SEMITIC MONOTHEISM

## THE RISE AND FALL OF A SCHOLARLY MYTH

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- Considers key aspects of the scholarly study of religion in the long nineteenth century
- Investigates the new status of Judaism and Islam in the formative period of the new discipline
- Focuses on the concept of Semitic monotheism — a concept developed by Ernest Renan — on the basis of the postulated contradistinction between Aryan and Semitic families of peoples, cultures, and religions

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