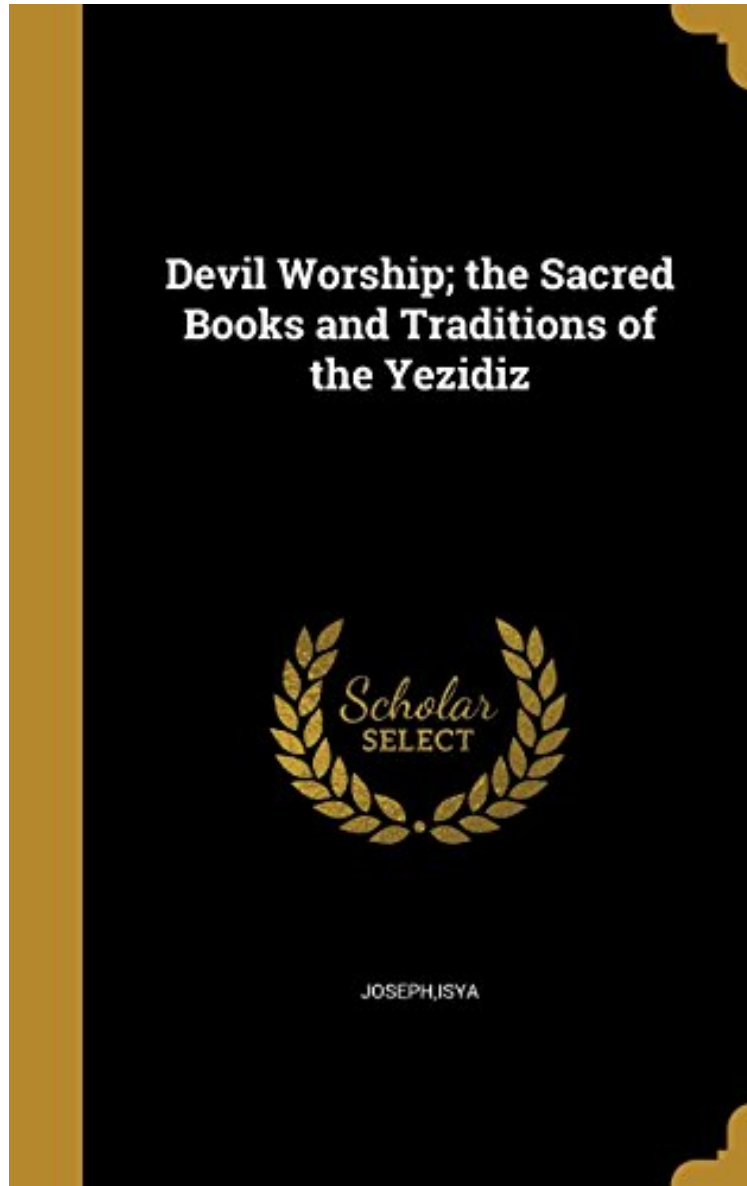


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The earliest and still one of the most important books devoted to the

Yezidis and their culture. By ZERA This is the standard to learn about the sacred texts of the Yezidi and a bit about their culture and beliefs. Although the book was published almost 100 years ago this book is still invaluable for the study of Yezidi scripture. Originally a rare and out of print book for many years, but thanks to this book reprinting it has proven itself to be invaluable and essential for the study of Yezidism. Just be aware that some of the information and theories contained in the book are outdated or obsolete. There are very limited and hard to get resources available for the study of Yezidism so this book is highly recommended and unique for learning about this misunderstood and obscure people. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Overall, if you love studying religions, as I do, then this book is definitely for you!

By James Kenney This is a stunning work about the Yezidi religion and people, a religion shrouded in the mists of history, small, largely unknown until recently. Despite its unfortunate name, "Devil Worshipers" portrays the Yezidis with a tender though penetrating eye. The most valuable feature of this book, of course, is its translation of all the sacred texts of the Yezidis, from its Arabic original. These alone is worth the price of admission, for lovers of religion. However, this puzzling and mysterious text, which was presented to the author/translator as he left Iraq in the early 1900s, also contains a long section devoted to the observations of an anonymous European, probably French, commentator, who clearly has much less sympathy for the Yezidis, and a somewhat condescending manner of describing their history and then-current status. It is very intriguing to attempt to guess who this anonymous author was, and it is tempting to think he was the French ambassador to Iraq himself. Overall, if you love studying religions, as I do, then this book is definitely for you!

2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. King Peacock's aura is neutral

By Adam S This is an excellent examination of a little known and widely misunderstood religion. Part I. contains their two sacred texts : The Al-Jilwah -The Revelation and the Mashaf Resh - The Black Book. Also contained in part I. is -The Poem in Praise of Sheikh "Adi; The Yezidis' Principal Prayer; a description of the 7 classes of Yezidis and their articles of faith. An Appendix and Notes for part I. is also provided. Part II contains the theorized origins of the group; the essential elements of their religion; a description of their sacraments and religious observances along with their customs. It ends with a history of their persecution and a list of their existing tribes. These last two parts are out of date as this book was originally published in 1919, therefore any subsequent history of these people beyond this date needs to be found elsewhere. It is incredible that the two religious texts made it out to the wider world considering how insulated and secretive the group is - constant reference is made in their text to "those who are without" (outsiders) and it is evinced that no trust of any kind is to be put into them. While these people are maligned as "devil-worshippers", one must read their texts to understand their beliefs and mindset before jumping to conclusions. The phrase "devil-worshippers" is unfortunately used in the title and in the book itself and I believe this to be a perpetuation of the old stereotype, but I must take into consideration that it was written in 1919. In a sense I suppose this accusation is true - but as the book mentions - one group's gods maybe another group's devils, and it is not a clear cut case of "devil-worship". I had this book as a web file, but decided to purchase an actual copy after having suggested it to someone with similar interests in religions. The review about this book having a "bad aura" shouldn't be paid much attention to. If you are interested in Gnosticism, obscure religions or persecuted groups purchase this book.

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