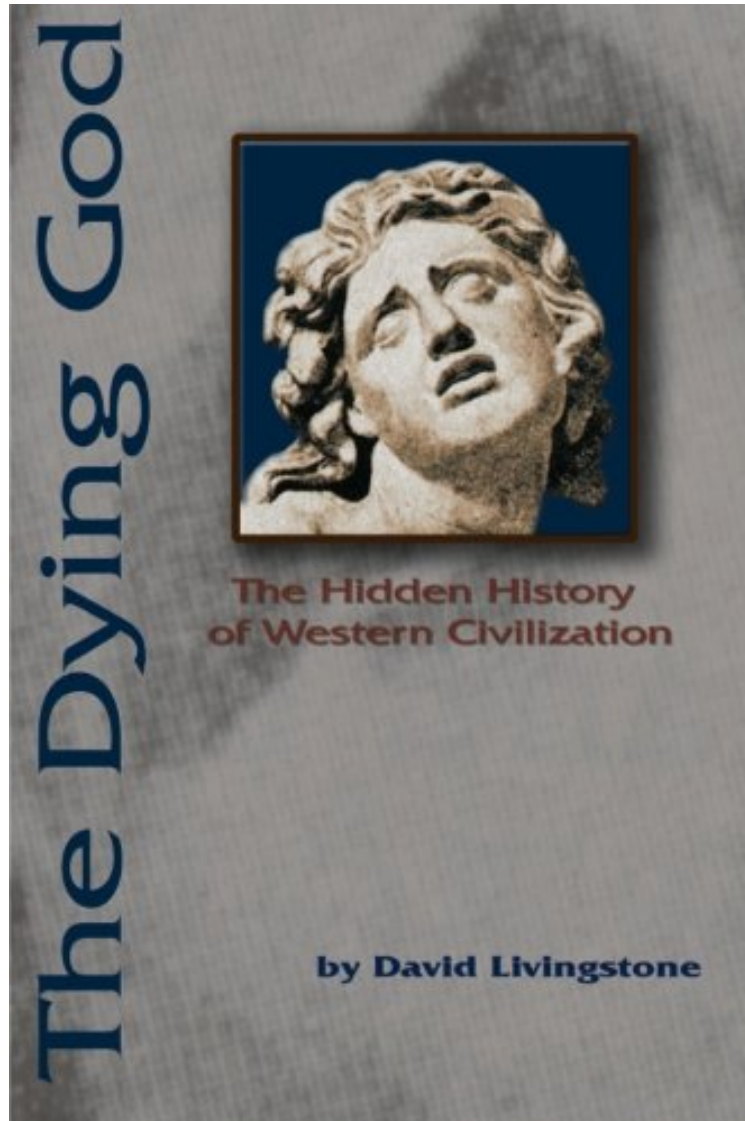


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will find that it largely succeeds, and will be rewarded with an extremely provocative new vision of history, Christianity, the foundations of science, the true meaning of the "Enlightenment", and the amorality of our rulers. However, the reader will have to help by connecting pieces and maintaining the narrative. You'll also have to separate the wheat from the chaff. Every page is jammed with information but precious little summation. The early chapters brim with Mr. Livingstone's impressively broad and detailed scholarship of the ancient western world. With a wealth of examples he explains the development and spread of "the dying god" cults in every nook and cranny of the ancient western world. He also offers an intriguing alternative history of the early Hebrews based on contemporary accounts from many sources and some deductive reasoning. I found it compelling, but you can reject it and still get the import of the book. His heretical history of Greek culture appears to be well founded and consistent with contemporary accounts and the influence of the Kabbalists elsewhere in the ancient world. Livingstone introduces us to Plato as his contemporaries knew him and explains the significance of his baneful influence. The emergence of Gnosticism and the Pauline neo-Platonic corruption of Christianity appear along the way, making a good deal more historical and theological sense than any other interpretation I have read. The book doggedly follows its subject through the centuries, packing facts and stories into long sentences like sardines in a can. If it were written a conventional style it would probably be twice as long. I recommend reading it very slowly. Give yourself time to watch for, and think about and savor, the profound implications and connections of Livingstone's mountain of evidence. It can be pretty startling. About halfway through it, my constant irritation with Livingstone's odd prose turned into a kind of admiration. He seemed to be refusing to paint the broad and generalized picture for the reader, letting the density of the evidentiary trail produce the overall picture by itself. Only from his commentary on specific points do we glean the full outline of his overarching vision. I highly recommend reading David Livingstone's blog before reading the book. The articles there elegantly state Livingstone's overall point in a way the book does not. They also address the connection to the present day more thoroughly. I hope they portend a new book on the horizon. David Livingstone is onto something deep here. If you want to understand the roots and self-image of our ruling elites, the 'initiated' who are released from the bonds of morality and Mosaic Law, this book is indispensable. If you're willing to work with a book, this one would make a great summer reading project! 4 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Wow! By Mekim Muhammad-Tate Good read and interesting book! I Have to take my time. It's not the kind of book you just fly through.

Few would acknowledge that our knowledge of history could be significantly inaccurate. The most common conception of history is one that begins in Greece, the "cradle of Western civilization", then progresses through Rome, and finally Europe and America. However, this merely represents a strictly Western version of history, and one that is often confused with the history of the World. Fortunately though, recent scholarship has begun to elucidate the extent of the indebtedness of Western history to other civilizations, rendering our notion of "Western" civilization obsolete. Rather, a more accurate assessment of the past will reveal a neglected account, the hidden history of Western civilization, which began in Mesopotamia, in the sixth century BC, with the birth of a tradition centered around the myth of a dying god. The development of this tradition led to the emergence of philosophy among the Greeks, then influenced the formation of Christianity, and was appropriated and elaborated upon by the Arabs during the Middle Ages. Ultimately, being introduced to Europe during the Crusades, it eventually spawned the Renaissance and the Enlightenment.

"...a stunning book that casts modern civilization in a new and troubling light." -- Henry Makow: savethemales.ca About the Author Author and historian David Livingstone was born in Montreal, Canada in 1966. David began studying Western civilization at Concordia University in 1987, where he first observed a number of curious anomalies in Western history, which he has spent the last thirteen years investigating, culminating in the present work.