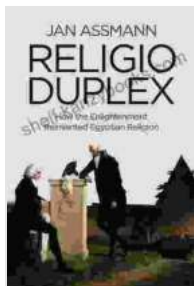


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The Rise of Rationalism

One of the most important intellectual shifts of the Enlightenment was the rise of rationalism. This new emphasis on reason and logic led to a critical examination of traditional religious beliefs and practices. As a result, many Enlightenment thinkers began to question the validity of the ancient Egyptian religion.

One of the most influential Enlightenment thinkers to write about Egyptian religion was the French philosopher Voltaire. In his book, *The Philosophy of History*, Voltaire argued that the ancient Egyptians were a primitive and superstitious people who had a very limited understanding of the world. He also claimed that the Egyptian religion was based on fear and ignorance.

The Birth of Egyptology

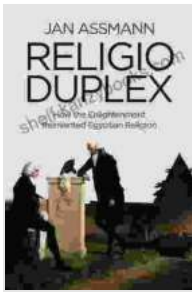
The rise of rationalism also led to the birth of Egyptology as a modern academic discipline. In the early 18th century, a number of European scholars began to study ancient Egyptian texts and artifacts in an attempt to understand the lost civilization of Egypt.

One of the most important early Egyptologists was the German scholar Johann David Michaelis. In his book, *to the Old Testament*, Michaelis argued that the ancient Egyptians were a highly civilized people who had made significant contributions to science and mathematics.

The Influence of the Enlightenment on Egyptology

The Enlightenment had a profound influence on the development of Egyptology. The rise of rationalism led to a critical examination of traditional religious beliefs and practices, and the birth of Egyptology as a modern academic discipline. As a result, our understanding of ancient Egyptian religion has changed significantly in the last few centuries.

Religio Duplex is a groundbreaking work that challenges traditional narratives and offers a fresh perspective on the development of Egyptology. This book is essential reading for anyone interested in the history of religion, the Enlightenment, or ancient Egypt.

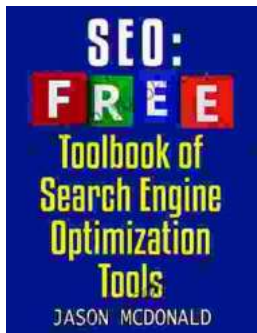


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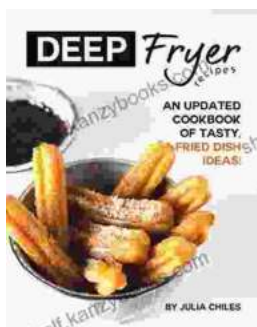
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