

**A BRIEF HISTORICAL SURVEY OF THE MONOTHEISTIC CONCEPT IN
RELIGIOUS BELIEF
AND PRACTICE**

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ABSTRACT

The term monotheism is a very popular and well known concept in the study of religious belief and practice to identify God as only one Supreme Being. According to the sacred texts of the monotheistic religions, first human being was not only introduced with this concept but also was commissioned to convey this message to other human beings. As contrast to this, most modern historians are, more or less, confused by their own findings about its origin and development. Nevertheless, some of them agree to earlier view with their logical reasoning. In this present paper monotheism is, therefore, discussed from a brief historical survey in order that more explicit knowledge to be reflected on its origin and development.

Key-Points of the paper

Before going to the details, let me shortly point out the key-points of the paper based on which this presentation will go on. The paper usually begins with a traditional introduction in which the gist of the whole discussion is supposed to be left. Then the paper defines monotheism from historical and philosophical point of view and it will be followed by a precise but valued historical survey of religions which will be, by turn, discussed under such seven sub-points as origin and historical background of monotheism, monotheism in Greek religions, monotheism in Egyptian religions, monotheism in Indian religions, monotheism in Persian religion, monotheism in Semitic religions and monotheism in ancient Chinese religious thought. Finally the paper will sum-up the entire discussion in finishing remarks.