

## Critical Episodes in the Emergence and Development of the Scientific Study of Religion

### Lecture #1

The Pre-Socratic Revolution in Thought Makes the Scientific Study of Religious Thought and Behaviour Possible

F. M. Cornford: *Before and After Socrates* (1932)

Benjamin Farrington: *Greek Science and Its Meaning for Us* (1949)

Karl Popper: "Back to the Pre-Socratics," in his *Conjectures and Refutations* (1962)

### Lecture #2

Aristotle's Belated Contribution to the Scientific Study of Religious Thought and Behaviour

Edward Grant: *The Foundations of Modern Science in the Middle Ages: Their Religious Institutional, and Intellectual Contexts* (1996)

Edward Grant: *Science and Religion, 400 B.C. to A.D. 1550: From Aristotle to Copernicus* (2006)

Edward Grant: *A History of Natural Philosophy from the Ancient World to the Nineteenth Century* (2007)

John Herman Randall Jr.: *Hellenistic Ways of Deliverance and the Making of the Christian Synthesis* (1970)

Gillian Evans: *Old Arts, New Theology: The Beginnings of Theology as an Academic Discipline* (xxxx)

Toby Huff: *The Rise of Early Modern Science: Islam, China, and the West* (1993)

Donald Wiebe: *The Irony of Theology and the Nature of Religious Thought* (1991)

### Lecture #3

The Age of Discovery and Its Import for the Comparative Study of Religions

Samuel Preus: *Explaining Religion: Criticism and Theory from Bodin to Freud* (1987).

Lynn Hunt, Margaret C. Jacob, Wijnand Mijnhardt (eds): *The Book that Changed Europe: Picart's and Bernard's Religious Ceremonies of the World* (2010)

James Turner: *Religion Enters the Academy: The Origin of the Scholarly Study of Religion* (2011)

### Lecture #4

The Age of Reason and the Ascendancy of Scientific Philology

Guy Stroumsa: *The Discovery of Religion in the Age of Reason* (2010)

Richard Foster Jones: *Ancients and Moderns: A Study of the Rise of the Scientific Movement in Seventeenth-Century England* (1936/1982)

Steven Toulmin: *Cosmopolis: The Hidden Agenda of Modernity* (1990)

Peter Gay: *The Enlightenment, and Interpretation: Vol. 1, The Rise of Modern Paganism* (1966);  
Vol. 2, *The Science of Freedom* (1969)  
[Carl Becker: *The Heavenly City of the Eighteenth-Century Philosophes* (xxxx)]  
Hans Blumenberg: *The Legitimacy of the Modern Age* (1988)  
Steven Shapin: *The Scientific Revolution* (1996)  
P. Bowler, I. Morus: *Making Modern Science: A Historical Survey* (2005)  
Brian Easlea: *Witch-Hunting, Magic, and the New Philosophy: An Introduction to Debates of the  
Scientific Revolution 1450-1750* (xxxx)  
H. Floris Cohen: *The Scientific Revolution: A Historiographical Inquiry* (xxxx)  
Arun Bala: *The Dialogue of Civilizations in the Birth of Modern Science* (2008)

#### Lecture #5

From Romanticism to Postmodernism: The Triumph of the Failure of Nerve

Steven Shapin: *The Scientific Revolution* (1996)  
Ernest Gellner: *Postmodernism, Reason, and Religion* (1992)  
Tim Blanning: *The Romantic Revolution* (2010)  
Bruno Latour: *We Have Never Been Modern* (1993)  
John H. Zamitto: *A Nice Derangement of Epistemes: Post-Positivism in the Study of Science  
from Quine to Latour* (2009)

#### Lecture #6

New Expectations for the Study of Religion in the Modern Research University?

Paul J. Griffiths: *Religious Reading: The Place of Reading in the Practice of Religion* (1999)  
Koku von Stuckrad: *The Scientification of Religion: An Historical Study of Discursive Change,  
1800-2000.* (2014)  
Kevin Schilbrack: *Philosophy and the Study of Religion: A Manifesto* (2014)  
Brad S. Gregory: *The Unintended Reformation: How a Religious Revolution Secularized Society*  
(2012)

Arthur Herman: *The Cave and the Light: Plato Versus Aristotle and the Struggle for the Soul of  
Western Civilization* (2013)  
Julie Reuben: *The Making of the Modern University: Intellectual Transformation and the  
Marginalization of Morality* (19996)  
Donald Wiebe: *The Politics of Religious Studies: The Continuing Conflict with Theology in the  
Academy* (1999)