



# Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment

By Brian P. Copenhaver

Download now

Read Online 

**Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment** By Brian P. Copenhaver

The story of the beliefs and practices called 'magic' starts in ancient Iran, Greece, and Rome, before entering its crucial Christian phase in the Middle Ages.

Centering on the Renaissance and Marsilio Ficino - whose work on magic was the most influential account written in premodern times - this groundbreaking book treats magic as a classical tradition with foundations that were distinctly philosophical. Besides Ficino, the premodern story of magic also features Plotinus, Iamblichus, Proclus, Aquinas, Agrippa, Pomponazzi, Porta, Bruno, Campanella, Descartes, Boyle, Leibniz, and Newton, to name only a few of the prominent thinkers discussed in this book. Because pictures play a key role in the story of magic, this book is richly illustrated.

 [Download Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the En ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the ...pdf](#)

# **Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment**

*By Brian P. Copenhaver*

## **Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment** By Brian P. Copenhaver

The story of the beliefs and practices called 'magic' starts in ancient Iran, Greece, and Rome, before entering its crucial Christian phase in the Middle Ages. Centering on the Renaissance and Marsilio Ficino - whose work on magic was the most influential account written in premodern times - this groundbreaking book treats magic as a classical tradition with foundations that were distinctly philosophical. Besides Ficino, the premodern story of magic also features Plotinus, Iamblichus, Proclus, Aquinas, Agrippa, Pomponazzi, Porta, Bruno, Campanella, Descartes, Boyle, Leibniz, and Newton, to name only a few of the prominent thinkers discussed in this book. Because pictures play a key role in the story of magic, this book is richly illustrated.

## **Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment** By Brian P. Copenhaver

### **Bibliography**

- Sales Rank: #736911 in Books
- Published on: 2015-09-09
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 8.98" h x 1.46" w x 5.98" l, .0 pounds
- Binding: Hardcover
- 612 pages



[Download](#) Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the En ...pdf



[Read Online](#) Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the ...pdf

## **Download and Read Free Online Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment By Brian P. Copenhaver**

---

### **Editorial Review**

#### **Review**

'Brian Copenhaver's Magic in Western Culture is a towering achievement in the field of intellectual history that is evidently the product of years - or decades, one suspects - of its author's immersion in the primary sources. In spite of its focus on the history of magic, this book is in fact essential reading for students of the history of ideas, the history of philosophy, the history of medicine, the history of science and even students of art history, since Copenhaver places great stress on the significance of images in both the development and the dismemberment of the western magical tradition. It would be a shame if the book's readership were confined to historians of magic, since its significance is so much more far-reaching.' Francis Young, *Reviews in History*

#### **About the Author**

Brian P. Copenhaver is Distinguished Professor and Udvar-Hazy Chair of Philosophy and History at the University of California, Los Angeles. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and past president of the Journal of the History of Philosophy; he is also a member of the council of the Istituto Nazionale di Studi sul Rinascimento in Italy. He serves or has served on the boards of *Rinascimento*, *Renaissance Quarterly*, *Annals of Science*, the *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Early Science and Medicine*, the *International Archives of the History of Ideas*, and the *I Tatti Renaissance Library*. The most recent of his eleven books is *Peter of Spain's Summaries of Logic* (2014, with Calvin Normore and Terry Parsons).

### **Users Review**

#### **From reader reviews:**

##### **Dennis Byrd:**

The book *Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment* can give more knowledge and information about everything you want. So just why must we leave the good thing like a book *Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment*? Some of you have a different opinion about e-book. But one aim that book can give many info for us. It is absolutely appropriate. Right now, try to closer with your book. Knowledge or information that you take for that, you could give for each other; you may share all of these. Book *Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment* has simple shape nevertheless, you know: it has great and large function for you. You can seem the enormous world by available and read a book. So it is very wonderful.

##### **Ricardo Hamilton:**

Now a day people that Living in the era exactly where everything reachable by talk with the internet and the resources included can be true or not demand people to be aware of each info they get. How many people to be smart in getting any information nowadays? Of course the answer then is reading a book. Reading a book can help individuals out of this uncertainty Information particularly this *Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment* book because this book offers you rich information and knowledge. Of course the data in this book hundred per cent guarantees there is no doubt in it you probably know this.

**Jill Vaughn:**

Reading a guide tends to be new life style with this era globalization. With examining you can get a lot of information that could give you benefit in your life. Along with book everyone in this world may share their idea. Guides can also inspire a lot of people. A great deal of author can inspire all their reader with their story as well as their experience. Not only the storyplot that share in the books. But also they write about the data about something that you need example of this. How to get the good score toefl, or how to teach children, there are many kinds of book that exist now. The authors in this world always try to improve their ability in writing, they also doing some study before they write with their book. One of them is this Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment.

**John Stewart:**

Playing with family within a park, coming to see the water world or hanging out with friends is thing that usually you might have done when you have spare time, in that case why you don't try thing that really opposite from that. 1 activity that make you not sensation tired but still relaxing, trilling like on roller coaster you already been ride on and with addition of knowledge. Even you love Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment, you may enjoy both. It is excellent combination right, you still desire to miss it? What kind of hangout type is it? Oh can happen its mind hangout men. What? Still don't obtain it, oh come on its referred to as reading friends.

**Download and Read Online Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment By Brian P. Copenhaver**

**#RGUPTBS0D6J**

# **Read Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment By Brian P. Copenhaver for online ebook**

Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment By Brian P. Copenhaver Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment By Brian P. Copenhaver books to read online.

## **Online Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment By Brian P. Copenhaver ebook PDF download**

**Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment By Brian P. Copenhaver Doc**

**Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment By Brian P. Copenhaver MobiPocket**

**Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment By Brian P. Copenhaver EPub**

**RGUPTBS0D6J: Magic in Western Culture: From Antiquity to the Enlightenment By Brian P. Copenhaver**