

FALL 2017 STUDY CIRCLE

Journey through Classical Greek Culture and Civilization



The culture and civilization of Classical Greece will be explored during the fall season beginning on September 12. One aim of discussion will be to see how the thought and values of Classical Greece contributed to civilization during a critical time in world history, the period called the Great Transformation or Axial Age of 600-200 BCE. Another corresponding aim is to understand how the intellectual and social values of the Greeks provide insights into contemporary issues and could help us meet existential challenges. The topics are listed below. Readings will be posted to the IWC website at least a week before each meeting: <http://www.worldculture.org>

All are welcome to join at any time.

September 12	Historical Introduction to Ancient and Classical Greece
September 19	Greek Religion and Mythology
September 26	Greek Myths and Human Nature
October 3	Greek Politics: The Emergence of the City State (<i>Polis</i>)
October 10	Greek Philosophy: Conceptual Foundations of Modern Science
October 17	Greek Philosophy: The Sophists and Socrates
October 24	Greek Philosophy: Plato on Knowledge and Immortality
October 31	Greek Social Psychology: The Rational and the Irrational
November 7	Greek Theater: Aeschylus: The First Dramatist
November 14	Greek Theater: Sophocles: Quintessence of the Greek
November 21	Greek Theater: Euripides and the Role of Women
November 28	Greek Arts
December 5	Hellenistic Civilization: Ethics and Social Philosophy
December 12	Hellenistic Civilization: Mathematics and Science
December 19	What Have We Learned from Classical Greece?