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Despite the Mycenaean Linear B script having been deciphered some seventy years ago, much has remained uncertain regarding the ritual ideology of Mycenaean society that the Linear B documents reveal. Roger Woodard here explores this problem by investigating a new range of sources from the Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age, together with processes of the transfer of knowledge between Anatolia and European Hellas. Bringing together evidence from Mycenaean culture with mythic and cult traditions of Iron-Age Greek culture and Indo-Iranian sources, he reveals the close parallels between Mycenaean and Vedic ritual structures and practices, these being particular expressions of Mycenaean Asianism. He also demonstrates how features inspired from Indo-Iranian sources are present in Aeolian Greek epic traditions that emerged during the Iron Age, notably the Argonautic search for the Golden fleece.

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You fill my life with sunshine

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Abbreviations

AhT	Beckman, Bryce, and Cline 2011
BCH	<i>Bulletin de correspondance hellénique</i>
BDAG	Montanari 2015
CAD	<i>Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago</i>
CGL	<i>The Cambridge Greek Lexicon</i> (Diggle et al. 2021)
CHD	<i>The Hittite Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago</i> (Güterbock, Hoffner, and van den Hout 2002–)
CIL	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum</i>
CTH	Laroche 1971
Dial.gr.Pamph.	Brixhe 1976
DK	Diels and Kranz 1952
eDIL	Electronic Dictionary of the Irish Language (edil.qub.ac.uk)
FHG	Müller 1841–1870
FGrH	Jacoby 1923–1958
Fowler	Fowler 2000
HT	British Museum 1920
IC	Guarducci 1935–1950
ICS	Masson 1961
IEleusis	Clinton 2005–2008
IG	<i>Inscriptiones Graecae</i>
IGASM V	Arena 1998
IK Priene	Blümel and Merkelbach 2014
IK Sinope	French 2004
IosPE I ²	Latyshev 1885–1901, volume 1 (revised 1916)

IPArk	Thür and Taeuber 1994
IScM II	Stoian 1987
IThesp	Roesch 2007–2009
KBo	<i>Keilschrifttexte aus Boghazköi</i>
KUB	<i>Keilschrifturkunden aus Boghazköi</i>
KZ	<i>Kuhns Zeitschrift (Zeitschrift für vergleichende Sprachforschung auf dem Gebiete der indogermanischen Sprachen)</i>
LBG	Trapp 1994–2017
LGPN	Fraser and Matthews 1987–
LIV	Rix et al. 2001
L–M	Laks and Most 2016
L–P	Lobel and Page 1968
LSJ	Liddell, Scott, and Jones 1996
Miletos	McCabe 1991
MW	Merkelbach and West 1967
NIL	Wodtko, Irslinger, and Schneider 2008
OLD	<i>Oxford Latin Dictionary</i>
Page	Page 1967
PCG	Kassel and Austin 1983
Powell	Powell 1970
RE	<i>Paulys Realencyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft</i>
ŚB	<i>Śatapatha-Brāhmaṇa</i>
SEG	<i>Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum</i>
Syll. ³	Dittenberger et al. 1915–1924
TB	<i>Taittirīya-Brāhmaṇa</i>
TrGF	Radt 1985 and 1999
West	West 1971 and 1972