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The first three centuries AD saw the spread of new religious ideas through the Roman Empire, crossing a vast and diverse geographical, social, and cultural space. In this innovative study, Anna Collar examines both how this happened, and why. Drawing on research in the sociology and anthropology of religion, physics and computer science, Collar examines the relationship between social networks and religious transmission to explore why some religious movements succeed, while others, seemingly equally successful at a certain time, ultimately fail. Using extensive epigraphic data, Collar provides new interpretations of the diffusion of ideas across the social networks of the Jewish Diaspora and the cults of Jupiter Dolichenus and Theos Hypsistos, and in turn offers important reappraisals of the spread of religious innovations in the Roman Empire. This study will be a valuable resource for students and scholars of ancient history, archaeology, ancient religion and network theory.

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*Select abbreviations*

<i>AA</i>	<i>Archäologischer Anzeiger</i>
<i>AE</i>	<i>L'Année Épigraphique</i>
<i>AJA</i>	<i>American Journal of Archaeology</i>
<i>AJP</i>	<i>American Journal of Philology</i>
<i>AJS</i>	<i>American Journal of Sociology</i>
<i>AJSLL</i>	<i>American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literature</i>
<i>ANRW</i>	<i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt</i>
<i>AOAT</i>	<i>Alter Orient und Altes Testament</i>
<i>ASR</i>	<i>American Sociological Review</i>
<i>AW</i>	<i>Antike Welt</i>
<i>BA</i>	<i>Biblical Archaeologist</i>
<i>CCID</i>	<i>Corpus Cultus Iovis Dolicheni</i>
<i>CIG</i>	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Graecarum</i> , 4 vols. Berlin, 1825–1877
<i>CIJ</i>	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Judaicum</i>
<i>CIL</i>	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum</i>
<i>CJZC</i>	<i>Corpus jüdischer Zeugnisse aus der Cyrenaika</i>
<i>EA</i>	<i>Epigraphica Anatolica</i>
<i>HSCP</i>	<i>Harvard Studies in Classical Philology</i>
<i>HThR</i>	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
<i>IG</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Graecae</i> , 14 vols. Berlin, 1873–1890
<i>IJO 1–3</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Judaicae Orientis vols. I–III</i>
<i>IM</i>	<i>Istanbuler Mitteilungen</i>
<i>JAOS</i>	<i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i>
<i>JECS</i>	<i>Journal of Early Christian Studies</i>
<i>JIGRE</i>	<i>Jewish Inscriptions of Graeco-Roman Egypt</i>
<i>JIWE</i>	<i>Jewish Inscriptions of Western Europe</i>
<i>JJS</i>	<i>Journal of Jewish Studies</i>
<i>JMA</i>	<i>Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology</i>
<i>JPE</i>	<i>Journal of Political Economy</i>
<i>JRA</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Archaeology</i>

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<i>JRS</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Studies</i>
<i>JSJ</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of Judaism</i>
<i>KST</i>	<i>Kazi Sonuçları Toplantısı</i>
<i>MHR</i>	<i>Mediterranean Historical Review</i>
<i>PIR<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Prosopographica Imperii Romani</i> , ed. II, ed. E. Groag, A. Stein and L. Petersen. Berlin, 1933 ff.
<i>RIB</i>	<i>The Roman Inscriptions of Britain</i>
<i>SCI</i>	<i>Scripta Classica Israelica</i>
<i>SEG</i>	<i>Supplementum epigraphicum graecum</i>
<i>Syll<sup>3</sup></i>	W. Ditterberger, <i>Sylloge inscriptionum graecarum (SIL)</i> . Leipzig, 1915–1924
<i>TAM</i>	<i>Tituli Asia Minoris</i>
<i>WA</i>	<i>World Archaeology</i>