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Old Norse Religion: Origins and Comparisons with Greek Mythology

ABSTRACT

The religions of Viking-Age Scandinavia and Classical Greece are both among the best-known of all world mythologies. At first glance, Northern gods such as Odin, Thor, and Freyja might seem to have little in common with the residents of Mount Olympus, but in fact there are many points of comparison - ranging from basic similarities to features so similar as to suggest an actual connection. This talk explores and compares the details of these spiritual traditions - from the origins of the cosmos in a void of chaos, to the three women who spun the fates of humans - and poses the deeper question of where, when, and how such links might have arisen.

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