

Did ancient religions know religious individuality? How did it work in texts and practices related to texts? The creation of texts offered opportunities to express one's own religious experience and shape one's own religious personality – within the boundaries of what is acceptable. Greek and Latin, Jewish and Christian texts from the Hellenistic period down to Late Antiquity created exemplary individuals or condemned individual deviance. The volume presents exemplary cases and analyses, which open a new field for research in the history of religion, covering ritual and literary innovations.

THE SERIES: RELIGIONSGESCHICHTLICHE VERSUCHE UND VORARBEITEN

The challenge of researching the history of religion is to interpret source texts in context and to consider their theoretical explanation in relation to a critical view of the resulting knowledge itself from a historical perspective. The *RGVV* [History of Religion: Essays and Preliminary Studies] series aims to accommodate this interplay between the complementary aspects of historical context, theoretical concretization and position within different disciplines. It includes studies on culture-specific factual aspects and comparative work presented both as monographs and in the form of anthologies focussing on particular topics.