

Ancient Futures: Exploring the Enduring Legacy of the Ancient World in the 21st Century

By Jonathan Aitken

The ancient world is often seen as a distant and irrelevant past, but in reality, its legacy is all around us. From the architecture of our cities to the foundations of our legal systems, the ancient world has shaped our present in profound ways. In *Ancient Futures*, renowned historian Jonathan Aitken explores the enduring influence of the ancient world on our modern lives.

This extensively revised and updated third edition of *Ancient Futures* offers a comprehensive exploration of ancient history, culture, and thought. With contributions from leading scholars and experts, the book traces the impact of the ancient world on everything from politics and economics to art and technology. Aitken argues that the ancient world is not merely a source of historical curiosity, but a vital key to understanding the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.



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