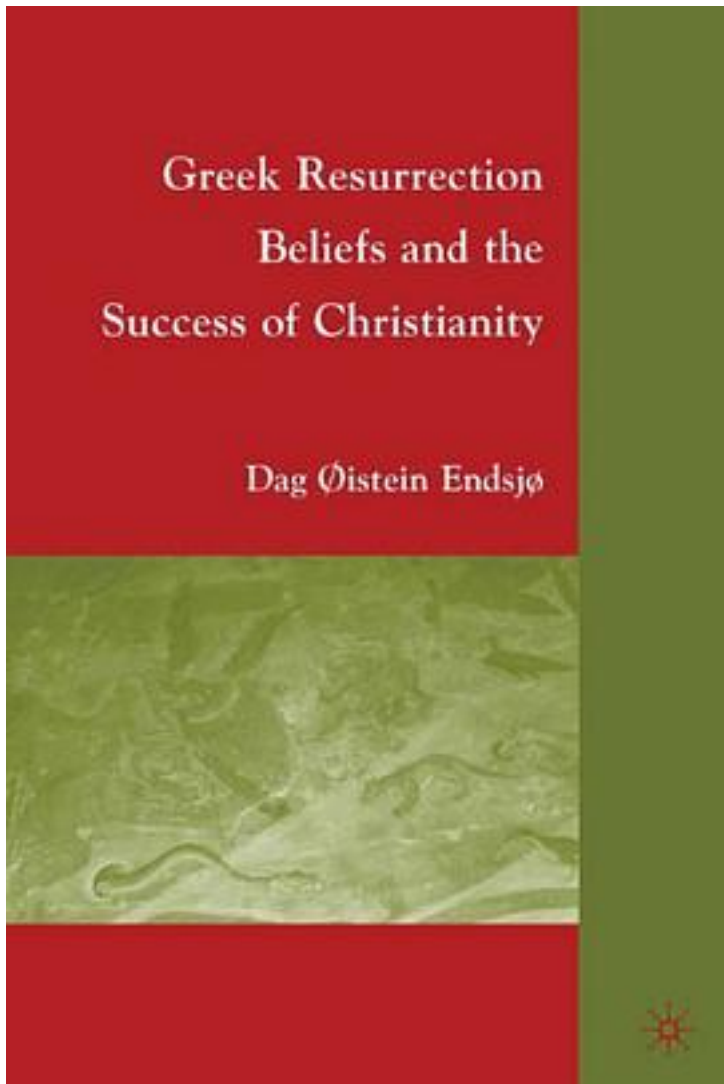


# Greek Resurrection Beliefs and the Success of Christianity



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This book examines the relationship between the growth of Christianity in Greece and the belief in resurrection from the dead. Traditionally, Greek religion held a strong and enduring conviction that immortality always had to include both body and soul. Both mythical and historical persons were also believed to have been resurrected from the dead and become physically immortal. The Christian belief in the resurrection of the flesh evolved only gradually, beginning with Paul who simply denied it. But the more popular Christianity became among the Greeks, the stronger the emphasis became on the resurrection of the flesh; the more Christianity stressed physical incorruptibility, the more Greeks left their ancient beliefs for this new religion. As such, the success of Christianity may also be seen in connection with how it responded to the traditional Greek longing for immortal flesh.

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