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Does a pilgrim's sacred destination matter more than the journey itself?

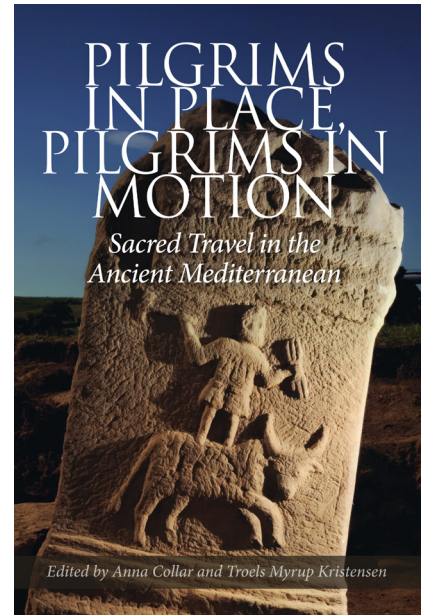
Is the journey part of the transformational process of being a pilgrim? What if the destination is a person? What if your profession is to be permanently mobile? And can you still be a pilgrim if you are also a thief? Expressly bringing cross cultural and diachronic examples into discussion, *Pilgrims in Place, Pilgrims in Motion* demonstrates the value of the framework of 'pilgrimage', in all its nuanced and unruly forms, to the study of the ancient world.

On the face of it, 'pilgrim' carries a very specific meaning, and place and motion stand at opposite ends of a spectrum—but in this new book, the tensions and connections between the sacred destination and the travel the pilgrim undertakes, and what the expectations of a pilgrim's experiences are and how they defy our assumptions, are drawn out through a variety of diverse case studies. With an explicitly comparative lens, the contributors discuss examples ranging from the sacred journeys of the Apostle Paul, through pilgrims who then steal the holy relics, how people engaged in unchosen mobility sought religious place, and the intertwining of ancient sacred travel to the site of the Trojan War with contemporary secular pilgrimage to the battlefield at Gallipoli.

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