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Initially, Christianity was but one of a number of religions: in addition to the native and syncretic local forms of paganism, Roman legionaries and immigrants introduced other cults such as Mithraism. At various times, the Christians risked persecution, although the earliest known Christian martyrs in Britain—Saint Alban and "Amphibalus"—probably lived in the early 4th century. Hinduism is an Indian religion and dharma, or way of life, widely practised in the Indian subcontinent and parts of Southeast Asia. Hinduism has been called the oldest religion in the world, and some practitioners and scholars refer to it as Sanātana Dharma, "the eternal tradition", or the "eternal way", beyond human history. Scholars regard Hinduism as a fusion or synthesis of various Indian ... Exposing the highly dysfunctional cult leader Osho Rajneesh, based on reports and assessments by Christopher Calder, James Gordon, and others. Backlash to the canon wars is to encounter a repeating question: is a particular woman "major" and thus worthy of the time and investment such designation demands, or is she "minor" because of perceived deficiencies and idiosyncrasies that must be addressed by the critic seeking to rehabilitate her legacy?