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Introduction

Even today people are trying to find ways of reaching back and making contact with the Great Goddess Isis.¹ Arguably the most popular, certainly the most wide spread free choice religion of all time. Born out of Egypt and beloved by Rome, Isis represents the Divine Feminine, love in all its forms and true equality amongst gender and race. Paul of Tarsus hated everything about her and Constantine set out to destroy her and yet in the 21st century people are founding new Iseums to counteract the tyranny that Rome has imposed on society for almost two thousand years.

Isis was loved by all, worshipped by prince and pauper and spoke to the many, regardless of their own deities and religions. Her religion is one of the Mysteries, a faith wherein priest and priestess are initiated, not ordained and her teachings encapsulate universal truths to which all humanity can relate. Herein we will examine the Goddess herself, explore why she was a threat to Christianity and how the Christian religion tried to bind her and control her by making her of secondary importance to their own God.

Who Is Isis?

“There, in the beginning was Isis. Oldest of the old, she was the goddess from whom all Becoming arose.” - R.E.Witt²

When Isis entered the Greek Islands and the Roman Empire met with loving arms and bowed heads she was already ancient beyond remembering. Her story was known for thousands of years before her first statue landed on Greeco-Roman soil. A Great Goddess, *Isis Myrionomous* was the Grand Creatrix, the Great Mother and had already assimilated the many names and attributes of her sisters in Egypt. All of the Goddesses were seen to bow unto her, and she could clothe herself as any one of

¹ There is a modern manifestation of Isiacism called the Fellowship of Isis based in England with groups all over Europe and the US.

² Throughout this essay I have drawn heavily on the 1971 book *Isis in the Graeco-Roman World* (reprinted in 1997 as *Isis in the Ancient World*) by R.E. Witt. It is generally frowned upon in university essays to rely so much on a single source but I have found it very difficult to find many other reliable sources which Dr. Witt has not already thoroughly cited in this text. This book represents an excellent amalgamation of the best resources on the subject currently available. His extensive bibliography is a veritable who's who of the relevant literature. If it's worth finding it's almost always already cited in this excellent survey of the subject.