# Black Athena Writes Back: Reclaiming the African Origin of Classical Civilization

Black Athena Writes Back is a groundbreaking book that challenges the long-held belief that Western civilization originated in Greece. In this meticulously researched and passionately argued book, author Martin Bernal argues that the roots of Western civilization lie in Africa, specifically in ancient Egypt and Nubia.

Bernal's work is based on a wealth of evidence from archaeology, linguistics, and history. He shows that the ancient Egyptians and Nubians were the first to develop many of the key elements of civilization, including writing, mathematics, science, and art. He also argues that the Greeks borrowed heavily from these African cultures when they developed their own civilization.



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Black Athena Writes Back has been hailed by scholars as a major contribution to the study of ancient history. It has helped to spark a new debate about the origins of civilization and has challenged the traditional Eurocentric view of history.

#### What is Black Athena?

Black Athena is a term coined by Martin Bernal to describe the theory that the roots of Western civilization lie in Africa. The term is derived from the Greek goddess Athena, who was said to have sprung from the head of Zeus. Bernal argues that Athena is a symbol of the African origins of Western civilization.

#### The Evidence for Black Athena

Bernal's theory is based on a wealth of evidence from archaeology, linguistics, and history. Some of the key pieces of evidence include:

- The archaeological evidence shows that the ancient Egyptians and Nubians were the first to develop many of the key elements of civilization, including writing, mathematics, science, and art.
- The linguistic evidence shows that the Greek language contains many words that are derived from Egyptian and Nubian.
- The historical evidence shows that the Greeks had close contact with the ancient Egyptians and Nubians and that they borrowed heavily from these cultures when they developed their own civilization.

#### The Significance of Black Athena

Black Athena is a significant work because it challenges the traditional Eurocentric view of history. It shows that Western civilization is not a purely

European phenomenon, but rather has deep roots in Africa. This has implications for our understanding of the world today and for the way we view our own history.

Black Athena Writes Back is a groundbreaking book that has helped to spark a new debate about the origins of civilization. It is a must-read for anyone who is interested in ancient history or in the history of ideas.

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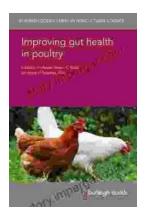
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