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The universe itself is but a pudding of elements. Empires, kingdoms, states and republics are but puddings of people differently made up.

H. Carey, *A learned dissertation on dumpling; its dignity, antiquity, and excellence. With a word upon pudding* (London 1726) 21.

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Sources and abbreviations

Names of Greek and Roman authors and their works are abbreviated according to the standard practice used in the *Oxford Classical Dictionary*², where necessary supplemented by those in the *Oxford Latin Dictionary* and the *Liddell, Scott and Jones* Greek dictionary. Where the names of Greek individuals have been written in full, I have rendered the name in Greek transcribed form unless this seemed out of place due to general familiarity of the Latinized name.

The Akkadian texts are in the editions of the State Archives of Assyria (SAA) series, unless otherwise indicated. Italicized words in the translation are dispited. In rendering the Greek and Latin I have used the editions of the Oxford Classical Texts (Budé or Teubner if no OCT was available). Translations are from the Loeb Classical Library series, unless otherwise indicated.

A&E Quart	Anthropology and Education Quarterly
AfO	Archiv für Orientforschung
AfR	Archiv für Religionsgeschichte
AJP	American Journal of Philology
AJSoc	American Journal of Sociology
AnnRevAnth	Annual Review of Anthropology

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AC	L'Antiquité Classique
Ant	Antiquity. A Quarterly Review of Archaeology
AoF	Altorientalische Forschungen (Schriften zur Geschichte und Kultur des Alten Orients)
APhA	American Philological Association
Areth	Arethusa. A Journal of the Well-springs of Western Man
ARP	Accordia Research Papers
AS	L'Année Sociologique
ASS	Archiv für Sozialwissenschaft und Sozialpolitik
BiOr	Bibliotheca Orientalis
BMCR	Bryn Mawr Classical Review
BMJ	British Medical Journal
CAD	I.J. Gelb <i>et al</i> (eds.), <i>The Assyrian dictionary of The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago</i> (Chicago 1956-)
CAJ	Cambridge Archaeological Journal
CCRAI	Compte rendu de la Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale (Strasbourg, 2-6 juillet 1965)
Centaurus	Centaurus. An International Journal of the History of Science and its Cultural Aspects
Chiron	Chiron. Mitteilungen der Kommission für alte Geschichte und Epigraphik des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts
CIS	Cahiers Internationaux de Sociologie

CJ	Classical Journal
CIPhil	Classical Philology
CogS	Cognitive Science
CQ	Classical Quarterly
CS	Current Sociology
CSSH	Comparative Studies in Society and History
CT	Various authors, <i>Cuneiform Texts from Babylonian Tablets in the British Museum</i> (London 1896-1990)
CurrAnthr	Current Anthropology
CW	Classical World
DP	Developmental Psychology
E&S	Ethnology and Sociobiology
Epigraphica	Epigraphica. Rivista internazionale di epigrafia
GRBS	Greek, Roman and Byzantine Studies
H&T	History and Theory
Hermes	Hermes. Zeitschrift für klassische Philologie
HN	Human Nature
HrwG	H. Cancik <i>et al.</i> (eds.), <i>Handbuch religionswissenschaftlicher Grundbegriffe</i> 5 vols (Stuttgart 1988-2001)
HSCIPh	Harvard Studies in Classical Philology
HThR	Harvard Theological Review
HUCA	Hebrew Union College Annual

IJBD	International Journal of Behavioral Development
Iraq	Iraq. British School of Archaeology in Iraq
Isis	Isis
JANES	Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society
JAOS	Journal of the American Oriental Society
JBL	Journal of Biblical Literature
JCC	Journal of Cognition and Culture
JCS	Journal of Cuneiform Studies
JdI	Jahrbuch des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts
JECH	Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health
JEOL	Jaarbericht van het Voor-Aziatisch-Egyptisch-Gezelschap (from 1945: Genootschap) 'Ex Oriente Lux'
JHE	Journal of Human Evolution
JHS	Journal of Hellenic Studies
JIH	Journal of Interdisciplinary History
JNES	Journal of Near Eastern Studies
JPE	Journal of Public Economics
JRAI	Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland
JRAS	Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society
JRR	Journal of Risk Research
JRS	Journal of Roman Studies

Kernos	Kernos. Revue Internationale et Pluridisciplinaire de Religion Grecque Antiqu
Klio	Klio. Beiträge zur alten Geschichte
Ktèma	Ktèma. Civilisations de l'Orient, de la Grèce et de Rome antiques
Lampas	Lampas. Tijdschrift voor Nederlandse classici
MEFRA	Mélanges d'Archéologie et d'Histoire de l'École Française de Rome, Antiquité
Métis	Métis. Revue d'Anthropologie du Monde Grec Ancien: Philologie - Histoire – Archéologie.
MDOG	Mitteilungen der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft zu Berlin
MTSR	Method and Theory in the Study of Religion
Nature	Nature. International Weekly Journal of Science
Numen	Numen. International Review for the History of Religions
OLZ	Orientalistische Literaturzeitung
Or	Orientalia
OrAnt	Oriens Antiquus
P&P	Past & Present
PBSR	Papers of the British School at Rome
PCPhS	Proceedings of the Cambridge Philological Society

Persica	Persica. Jaarboek van het Genootschap Nederland-Iran
PhilTrans	Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society
Phoenix	Phoenix. Bulletin uitgegeven door het Vooraziatisch-Egyptisch Genootschap 'Ex Oriente Lux'
PS	Psychological Science
RA	Revue d'Assyriologie et d'Archéologie Orientale
REA	Revue des Études Anciennes
RevPhil	Revue de Philologie, de littérature et d'histoire anciennes
RHR	Revue de l'Histoire des Religions
RJb	Romanistisches Jahrbuch
RIA	E. Ebeling <i>et al.</i> (eds.), <i>Reallexikon der Assyriologie</i> (Berlin 1932-)
RSO	Rivista degli Studi Orientali
Science	Science
SHPS	Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science
SPAW	Sitzungsberichte der Preussischen Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin, Phil.-hist. Kl.
Syria	Syria. Revue d'art oriental et d'archéologie
T&S	Time and Society

Talanta	Talanta. Proceedings of the Dutch Archaeological and Historical Society
TFSC	Technological Forecasting and Social Change
ThesCRA	Jean Ch. Balty <i>et al</i> (eds.), <i>Thesaurus cultus et rituum antiquorum</i> vols. 5 (Los Angeles 2004-)
Viator	Viator. Medieval and Renaissance Studies
WSt	Wiener Studien. Zeitschrift für classische Philologie
ZA	Zeitschrift für Assyriologie und verwandte Gebiete (from 1939: und vorderasiatische Archäologie)
ZPE	Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik
ZPhF	Zeitschrift für Philosophische Forschung
ZVS	Zeitschrift für vergleichende Sprachforschung auf dem Gebiet der indogermanischen Sprachen

