

THEOLOGY

DUM EADEM RES INTELLIGATUR

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Reading now [Jan Assmann's](#) brilliant "[Moses the Egyptian](#)" I found [Varro](#) quoted (116-27 BC) -

Nihil interesse censens quo nomine nuncupetur, dum eadem res intelligatur

names may be of less interest as long as the "right things" are being meant.

The book was recommended to me by a guide in the new [Munich synagogue](#) as an unorthodox view of Moses and the origin of monotheism. There is even (p80) a [Romanian epigram](#)

Ogygidae me Bacchum vocant,
Osirin Aegypti putant,
Mysi Phanacem nominant,
Dionyson Indi existimant,
Romana sacra Liberum,
Arabica gens Adoneum,
Lucaniacus Pantheum.

that shows the contemporary belief in universal religious truths and the relativity of religious institutions which is even taken up again in the 18th century by Mozart ([Freimaurer Kantate KV 623](#), not KV 619 as Assmann writes) or Goethe's Faust

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the god that you are worshipping without knowing him (by name?)

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