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Senescence and Its Significations

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The collection of essays in this volume explores the significance of old age for Jews and Christians as well as Greeks and Romans in antiquity. Chapters demonstrate how perceptions of old age were closely intertwined with notions of authority and wisdom, gender and social dynamics, social and familial anxieties, and the body and disability. Of interest for students and scholars of religion, particular those working on Jews, Christians, Greeks, and Romans in the ancient Mediterranean, as well as scholars in classical studies and ancient history.

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