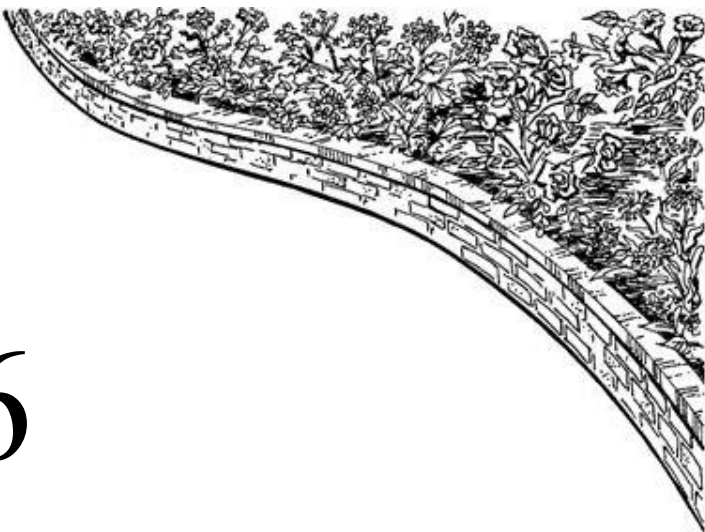


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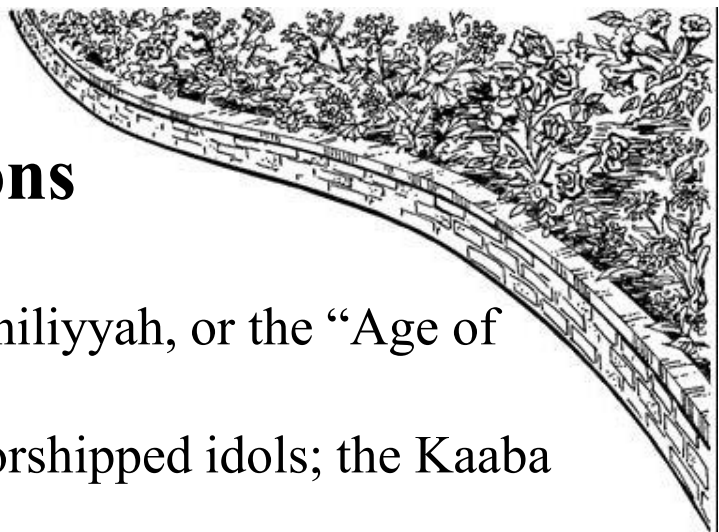
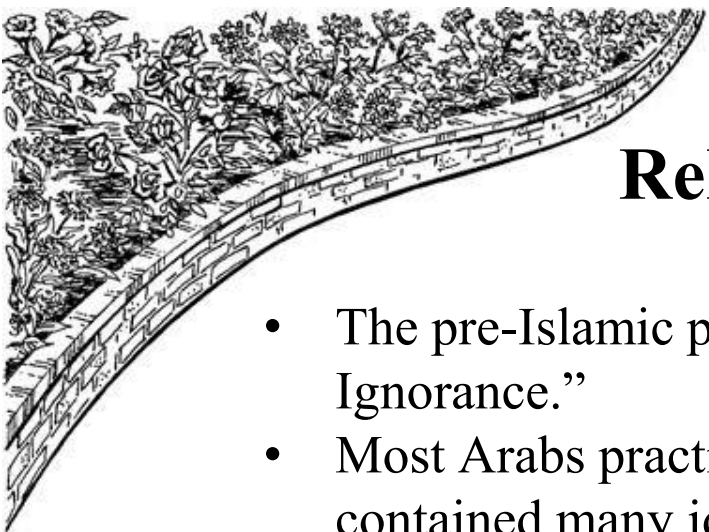
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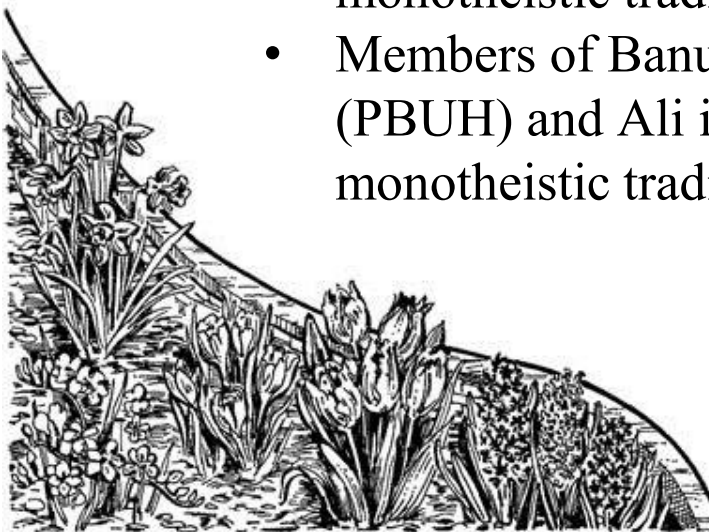
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Identify the different religious beliefs and practices in pre-Islamic Arabia, including polytheism, monotheism, and other faiths present before Islam.





Religious Conditions

- The pre-Islamic period was known as Jahiliyyah, or the “Age of Ignorance.”
 - Most Arabs practiced polytheism and worshipped idols; the Kaaba contained many idols.
 - Some groups practiced star worship, atheism, or Persian-influenced beliefs.
 - Judaism and Christianity were also present in different parts of Arabia.
 - A small group of people believed in one God and followed the monotheistic tradition of Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham).
 - Members of Banu Hashim, including the families of Muhammad (PBUH) and Ali ibn Abi Talib (RA), were associated with this monotheistic tradition.
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