



# **The Roman Imperial Cult in Alexandria during the Julio-Claudian Period.**

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## **ABSTRACT.**

*The purpose of this study is to examine the imperial cult in Alexandria under the Julio-Claudian Emperors of Rome. It will consider the origins of the imperial cult in Alexandria. It will look at the nature of the cult, through an analysis of the contemporary art, architecture and literature. It will study the political behaviour of the Ptolemies and the nature of the dynastic and personal cults they created to determine what factors influenced the imperial cult in Egypt. It will also consider briefly the effect, if any, of the native Egyptian religions upon the cult. Finally, it will review the nature of the imperial cult under each of the Julio-Claudian emperors.*

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## INDEX OF ABBREVIATIONS.

- A.E. *L'Annee Epigraphique.*
- A.J.A.H. *The American Journal of Ancient History.*
- A.N.R.W. *Aufstieg Und Niedergang Der Romischen Welt.*
- B.G.U. *Griechische Urkunden aus den Kgl. Museen zu Berlin  
Griechische Urkunden, Vols.1-9, 1895-1937.*
- B.M.P. *British Museum Papyrus.*
- C.I.G. *Corpus Inscriptionum Graecarum.*
- C.I.L. *Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum.*
- Dessau ILS. *H. Dessau, Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae 1892-1916.*
- E.J. *Ehrenberg, V. & Jones, A.H.M., Documents illustrating the  
reigns of Augustus and Tiberius, Oxford, 1955.*
- J.E.A. *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology.*
- J.H.S. *Journal of Hellenic Studies.*
- J.R.S. *Journal of Roman Studies.*
- R.S.A. *Rivista Storica dell Antichita.*
- Z.P.E. *Zeitschrift fur Papyrologie und Epigraphik.*