

"The Romans, however, worship all the gods in the world. Their power and authority have occupied the farthest limits of the whole world, and extended their empire beyond the paths of the sun and the borders of the very ocean. . . . And after they have captured a town, when brutality in victory might be expected, the Romans pay honor to the deities of the conquered people. They invite to Rome gods from all over the world, and they make them their own. . . . And thus, while the Romans were adopting the religious rites of all nations, they also won for themselves an empire" (417).

-Minucius Felix, Octavius 6 (ca. 160-250)