

## Enlightened Wisdom, in the Form of the Goddess Minerva, takes the Faithful of all Religions under her Protection (1791)

### Abstract

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As the Enlightenment gained traction in Germany during the second half of the eighteenth century, calls for understanding and mutual tolerance between the religious creeds grew louder. The image shown here – “Enlightened Wisdom, in the Form of the Goddess Minerva, Takes the Faithful of all Religions under her Protection” – is from the *Goettingen Pocket Calendar* [*Goettinger Taschen-Kalender*] for 1792. The calendar was published by the influential editor Johann Christian Dietrich (1722-1800), who was also an official bookseller for the Christian multi-confessional Georg-August-University of Göttingen. Among the figures in the foreground are representatives of various faiths, including (from left to right) a Muslim, a Jew with a Torah scroll, and a Catholic monk. Dietrich managed to enlist renowned artists for his illustrations. This etching, for example, was the work of Daniel Chodowiecki (1726-1801), 1791.

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