

World Religions In A Nutshell A Complete Guide To Reaching Those Of Other Faiths

Short description: The meeting of Christianity and non-Christian religions, the impact of East on West, the clash of cultures and the movement of divine and human forces that are changing the pattern of man's life, form the basis of Kraemer's far-seeing, significant book.

Contains nearly 600 brief entries on the world's religious traditions.

Conscience in World Religions is a unique collection of papers which allows the reader to compare and contrast the origins and development of the concept of conscience within different Christian traditions, Judaism, Islam, and Buddhism. The first part of the book, based upon extensive research of the Christian debate of conscience, explores the dynamic relation between authority, revelation, and education for both the individual and the community. It provides the reader with an insight into approaches to and interpretations of sources found within Roman Catholicism, Protestantism, and Orthodoxy. The second part of the text provides an enthralling and scholarly study of the previously relatively unexplored Jewish, Islamic, and Buddhist viewpoints on the concept of conscience. This book is a thought-provoking collection for all those interested in exploring the many facets of this most fascinating of subjects.

Retells the life of Jesus

According to John Hick's model of religious pluralism, all the world's great religions present equally valid ways of understanding and responding to the same ultimate Reality. This book offers an exposition of, and critical response to, Hick's model. Following an introductory chapter that surveys dominant approaches to religious diversity, the rise and development of Hick's pluralist interpretation of religions is traced. Finally, a critical assessment of Hick's mature pluralist model is offered. The conclusion: Hick's model is ultimately unsuccessful in overcoming the pluralist's most difficult conceptual problem, namely providing an adequate account of the fact that the world's religions understand the divine Reality in often contradictory ways. Ultimately, Hick's own solution threatens two of his long-cherished goals: a robust religious realism and a tradition-neutral religious pluralism.

An introduction to the World's major religions from a Catholic Perspective.

This book focuses upon those religions that continue to demand the attention of the Western world.

Introduction to World Religions: Upgrading One's Cultural Literacy is an enlightening and engaging text that provides students with fundamental knowledge about world religions to deepen their awareness and understanding of global cultures. The book is divided into three units. Unit I explores the Vedic religions--Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism. East Asian belief systems and religions are discussed in Unit II. The final unit describes the Abrahamic religions--Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Each unit highlights a major belief, tradition, or practice that unites the featured religions, and each individual chapter includes a list of key terms, selected readings, and comprehension questions to reinforce essential learnings. Throughout, maps build students' knowledge of world geography, and photographs and illustrations

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bring key beliefs, traditions, and practices to life. Developed to help students expand not only their knowledge of global religions but their knowledge of the world itself and its myriad cultures, Introduction to World Religions is an ideal text for foundational courses in religion and theology. Darryl E. Howard is a faculty member at North Lake College, part of the Dallas County Community College District, where he teaches courses in philosophy and religion. He holds an Ed.D. in educational administration from Nova Southeastern University and a Th.M. degree with an emphasis in educational leadership and administration from Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas.

This is the first comprehensive resource on the subject of love in the teachings of the world's major religions, cultures, and philosophies.

A new and expanded edition of a highly successful textbook on world religions with a comparative approach which explores how six major religions are lived and expressed through their customs, rituals and everyday practices. A new edition of this major textbook, exploring the world's great religions through their customs, rituals and everyday practices by focusing on the 'lived experience' This comparative study is enriched and broadened with the inclusion of a sixth religion, Daoism Takes a thematic, comparative and practical approach; each chapter explores a series of key themes including birth, death, ethics, and worship across all six religions at each time Broadens students' understanding by offering an impartial discussion of the similarities and differences between each religion Includes an increased range of student-friendly features, designed to allow students to engage with each religion and extend their understanding

Is truth knowable? If we know the truth, must we hide it in the name of tolerance? Cardinal Ratzinger engages the problem of truth, tolerance, religion and culture in the modern world. Describing the vast array of world religions, Ratzinger embraces the difficult challenge of meeting diverse understandings of spiritual truth while defending the Catholic teaching of salvation through Jesus Christ. "But what if it is true?" is the question that he poses to cultures that decry the Christian position on man's redemption. Upholding the notion of religious truth while asserting the right of religious freedom, Cardinal Ratzinger outlines the timeless teaching of the Magisterium in language that resonates with our embattled culture. A work of extreme sensitivity, understanding, and spiritual maturity, this book is an invaluable asset to those who struggle to hear the voice of truth in the modern religious world. "Beyond all particular questions, the real problem lies in the question about truth. Can truth be recognized? Or, is the question about truth simply inappropriate in the realm of religion and belief? But what meaning does belief then have, what positive meaning does religion have, if it cannot be connected with truth?" —Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger From the Preface

Examines each religion--including ancient Greek, Roman, Norse, and Celtic religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, and nature religions--discussing its history, founder, major deity, beliefs, festivals, and celebrations.

This leading textbook for world religion is designed to help students in their study and research of the world's religious traditions. Known and valued for its balanced approach and its respected board of consulting editors, this text addresses ways to study religion, provides broad coverage of diverse religions, and offers an arresting layout with rich illustrations. Introductory sections on understanding religion and the religions of antiquity lay the foundation for the study of the numerous religious traditions highlighted in the volume, including indigenous religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, and Chinese, Korean, and Japanese religions. The user-friendly content is enhanced by charts of religious festivals, historic timelines, updated maps of the world's religions, and a useful glossary. Both historical overviews and modern perspectives for each religion are included. This third edition has several updates, including a new design, a new section on women and religion, and a newly revised section on religions in today's world.

Synthesizing the thinking of the most prominent scholars, professor Edmund Chia discusses practically everything that should be known

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about Christianity's encounter with other religions in this comprehensive book. Topics include: the invention of the idea of World Religions and World Christianity the Bible and the church's attitude toward other faiths Vatican II, Asian Christianity, and interfaith dialogue the what, why, when, and how of dialogue the global ecumenical movement theologies of religious pluralism cross-textual hermeneutics comparative theology interfaith worship religious syncretism multiple religious belonging interfaith learning in seminaries.

Succinct chapters provide an excellent guide to understanding Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Taoism, Shintoism, and more.

You are on CNN, live. The host leans across to you and asks, What s the major difference between Christianity and the other major religions?

They are basically all the same, aren t they? Millions are awaiting your reply. Do you know how you would answer? Most of us are not as prepared as we should be for this all-important task. Discover what almost all religions have in common: By trying to earn their way to Heaven, their followers are robed in works-righteousness. Learn how to gently remove that robe, so those seeking eternal salvation can be clothed in the righteousness that comes only through faith in Jesus Christ. Each religion is discussed according to: It s basic beliefs Testimonies of its followers who turned to Christ Sample witnessing conversation.

World Religions looks at the history of the world's great faiths, from those that emerged thousands of years ago to those that have established themselves in more recent times. It is divided into the following chapters: Hinduism and Sikhism; Zoroastrianism; Judaism; Buddhism; Christianity; Islam; Religions of the Far East; and Other Religions. The book looks at the context in which these religions emerged and as migrations and military expansionism helped them to become established in certain regions of the world. World Religions explains the characteristics of each faith, but also demonstrates the common history that many of them share. The book also contains maps and plans showing many significant religious sites around the world, as well as data on how widespread the various faiths are today. With over 150 maps covering a wide range of religions over thousands of years, World Religions is a fascinating account of the diverse range of faiths that have helped shape the history of mankind. -- from dust jacket.

A guide to the religions of the world and to the concepts, movements, people, and events that have shaped them. It includes features such as: entries on religious movements and concepts, historical and legendary figures, divinities, religious sites and ceremonies; images that show sacred places, vestments, rituals, objects, and texts; and more.

Gathers together material on six of the world's most influential faiths, with readings drawn from a broad range of historical and contemporary sources.

Explains the basic beliefs, customs, and rituals of twelve different world religions, and includes information about tribal and native religions of Africa, North America, and Australia.

A comprehensive reference on religions around the world features entries on the major religions; movements, sects, and cults; sacred texts and sites; religious leaders; and religious dogma, practices, and festivals.

In 1830 philosopher Auguste Comte coined the term altruism to provide a general definition for the act of selflessly caring for others. But does this modern conception of sacrificing one's own interests for the well-being of others apply to the charitable behaviors encouraged by all world religions? In Altruism in World Religions prominent scholars from an array of religious perspectives probe the definition of altruism to determine whether it is a category that serves to advance the study of religion. Exploring a range of philosophical and religious thought from Greco-Roman philia to Judaism,

Christianity, and Islam, from Hinduism in India to Buddhism and the religions of China and Japan, the authors find that altruism becomes problematic when applied to religious studies because it is, in fact, a concept absent from religion. Chapters on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam reveal that followers of these religions cannot genuinely perform self-sacrificing acts because God has promised to reward every good deed. Moreover, the separation between the self and the other that self-sacrifice necessarily implies, runs counter to Buddhist thought, which makes no such distinction. By challenging our assumptions about the act of self-sacrifice as it relates to religious teachings, the authors have shown altruism to be more of a secular than religious notion. At the same time, their findings highlight how charitable acts operate with the values and structures of the religions studied.

This text enables introductory-level readers to gain an understanding of the world's religions by discussing their history, stances on contemporary issues, and how they compare and contrast to each other.

Introduction to the spiritual pathways of the major world religions, exploring the core beliefs, values and practices of each tradition.

* Gives an account of the history, the theological basis, the practice and the current state of the study of religion and religions throughout the world * Combines a clear and non-technical style of presentation with a structure and range of contributions which reflect the richness and complexity of religion itself, of the religions of the world and the study of religions * Comprehensive index, bibliographies and suggestions for further reading `Intriguing philosophical questions are raised about the nature of religion and the qualities needed for studying it.' - Times Higher Education Supplement `Excellent book ... remarkably successful, impressive as much for the sheer scale of the undertaking as for its consistent standard of analysis. It is a fine achievement which will serve both as a very suitable textbook for students and a reliable guide to the state of scholarship in the History and Study of Religions.' - Heythrop Journal

Why has the reality of other religions become a big problem for Christianity? In the past, Christianity has been able to largely ignore other religions but in recent decades, not just the reality, but the vitality of other religions has become a challenge. This accessible book tackles a number of questions arising from these changes: is belonging to one religion rather than another merely a matter of cultural preference?; is salvation the same among all religions?; and what can be learned from other religions? Considering wider issues of how modernity has defined "religion," Gavin D'Costa provides a substantial critique of secular ways of controlling religions, and shows how Christianity is very well suited to deal with religious plurality at the doctrinal and social level. The book makes a decisive contribution to debates about the clash between Islam and the West, arguing that the major threat to religious freedoms come from secularism, and that Islam and Christianity both have the resources to develop a vibrant and pluralist "public square" informed by intellectual

debate. By engaging with the core questions and suggesting a pathway through the various answers that have been proposed in recent years, this is an ideal introduction to the field, and one which will help stimulate ideas and discussions.

A comprehensive and accessible textbook which explores the traditions and beliefs of the world's living religions – the fully updated and revised new edition *The World Religions Reader* is an inclusive, student-friendly examination of the history, teaching, practices, and appeal of the world's major religions. Covering both the fundamentals and complexities of each religious tradition, this popular textbook brings together significant texts from scriptures and scholars, as well as writings from philosophers and other significant thinkers throughout history. Students are provided with an introduction and overview of the tradition, taken through its primary texts, and presented with a text which seeks to persuade the student of the tradition's merits. This new edition has been thoroughly updated to be even more accessible for students new to interreligious engagement and to reflect current trends and developments in religions worldwide. Every chapter opens with a substantial overview which orients the new student and then flows into a carefully chosen set of texts - a regular textbook is now combined with a Reader. New content examines areas such as the Rastafarian tradition, while revised chapters cover secular humanism and indigenous and emerging religious traditions. The methodology of the book focuses on an empathetic approach – representing each tradition from the perspective of a conventional adherent – enabling students to develop understanding of each tradition and appreciate similarities and differences in their most typical forms. Invites students to study each tradition from the perspective of a follower, aiming to understand why the tradition is popular and powerful. Explores representative passages, world-views, rituals and institutions, ethical expressions and modern outlooks for each religion. Features discussions of interfaith perspectives on the role of women in religious traditions and the impact of world events and politics on interfaith communication. Encourages students to consider questions of truth, the relation of religion and society, and the changing nature of a tradition in the modern world. Includes a complete set of pedagogical tools and instructor resources, including end-of-chapter fact sheets, topic summaries, key term sections, and essay and discussion questions. *The World Religions Reader, Fourth Edition* is an ideal textbook for undergraduate and graduate courses in religion, especially for liberal arts and non-affiliated colleges, as well as general readers wishing to increase their knowledge of the world's religious traditions.

Provides information about the symbols, rituals, art, and history of religions around the world.

A textbook for introductory college courses in the history of religions, published since 1949 as *Man's religions*. Surveys the origins, development, and divisions of the major religions of India, the Orient, and the Middle East. Each chapter includes a glossary, most with pronunciation indicated.

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Examines how each of the major religions looks at death by including stories, teachings, and rituals that present a comparative religious meaning of death and afterlife. Written in textbook style with journal exercises at the end of each chapter.

An easy-to-use and comprehensive guide that explores the intriguing dogma and rituals, cultural convictions, and often-checked backgrounds and histories of the world's religions.

Chapters on ancient religions, primal religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Over 200 photos and a glossary. Religious beliefs and customs can significantly shape patients' and professionals' attitudes toward, and expectations of, healthcare, as well as their wishes and personal boundaries regarding such daily matters as dress, diet, prayer and touch. Undoubtedly, the sensitivity with which clinicians communicate with patients and make decisions regarding appropriate medical intervention can be greatly increased by an understanding of religious as well as other forms of cultural diversity. This second edition of a popular and established text offers healthcare students and professionals a clear and concise overview of health beliefs and practices in world religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Confucianism, Taoism, Sikhism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. Adopting a consistent structure, each chapter considers the demographic profile of the community, the religion's historical development, and key beliefs and practices, including views regarding health and sickness, death, and dying. Each chapter also ends with a useful checklist of advice on what to do and what to avoid, along with recommendations for further reading, both online and in print form. The book's clear and consistent style ensures that readers with little background knowledge can find the information they need and assimilate it easily. A brand new chapter on applications and a set of new case studies illustrating issues in clinical practice enhance this wide-ranging book's value to students and practitioners alike.

Experts from six traditions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Chinese religions discuss rituals, practices, and emotions as they relate to death and the hope of life that follows death.

Presents a guide to the major religions of the world.

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