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*This book questions the dominant Western narrative of*

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*security threats in Africa. By assessing the origins of the traditional approach to security and problematizing failed states, political instability, Muslim populations, and poverty, among others, it makes the case for a*

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*critical approach to framing  
security challenges in Africa.*

*Official title: Do the prehistoric  
interactions between astronomy  
and religion form a distinct  
religious tradition? In the  
dissertation for his Master's of*

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*Arts degree from the University of Central Lancashire, Cometan introduced and thoroughly explored his theory of the existence of the oldest religious tradition based on astronomical observation which he titles the*

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*Astronic tradition, or Astronicism.  
In this work, which received a  
Distinction Grade of 87 following  
its examination, Cometan  
discovers that astronomy and  
religion were indeed intertwined  
in prehistoric and ancient times.*

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*Through archaeological evidence, Cometan makes the case for the existence of an Astronic religious tradition stretching back to the Upper Palaeolithic period of the Stone Age some 40,000 years ago.*

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*Key ideas of Cometan's dissertation work include astromorphism, astrolatry, astroglyphs, astromancy, astronomical religion, and the theory of an astronomical Urreligion (an original or*

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*primordial religion).*

*Provides a new understanding of the relationship between Church and State in 20th-century Costa Rica. Understanding the relationship between religion and social justice in Costa Rica*



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*involves piecing together the complex interrelationships between Church and State — between priests, popes, politics, and the people. This book does just that. Dana Sawchuk chronicles the fortunes of the*

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*country's two competing forms of labour organizations during the 1980s and demonstrates how different factions within the Church came to support either the union movement or Costa Rica's home-grown Solidarity*

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*movement. Challenging the conventional understanding of Costa Rica as a wholly peaceful and prosperous nation, and traditional interpretations of Catholic Social Teaching, this book introduces readers to a*

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*Church largely unknown outside  
Costa Rica. Sawchuk has  
carefully analyzed material from  
a multitude of sources —  
interviews, newspapers, books,  
and articles, as well as official  
Church documents, editorials,*

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*and statements by Church  
representatives to provide a firmly  
rooted socio-economic history of  
the experiences of workers, and  
the Catholic Church's responses  
to workers in Costa Rica.*

*Semiannual cumulation*

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*Wealth, Health, and Hope in  
African Christian Religion*

*Astronomy & The Origins of  
Religion*

*Religion, Extremism and  
Violence in South Asia*

*The Handbook of Transformative*

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*Learning*

*NATO and the Middle East*

*Perfect Enemy*

*Wealth, Health, and Hope in*

*African Christian Religion*

*offers a portrait of how*

*contending narratives of*

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*modernity in both church and society play out in Africa today through the agency of African Christian religion. It explores the identity and features of African Christian religion and the cultural forces driving the*



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*momentum of Christian expansion in Africa, as well as how these factors are shaping a new African social imagination, especially in providing answers to the most challenging questions about poverty, wealth,*

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*health, human, and cosmic flourishing. It offers the academy a good road map for interpreting African Christian religious beliefs and practices today and into the future.*

*Published in conjunction*

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*with the 1999 exhibition of the same name, ten essays and 317 illustrations (157 in color) depict northern Renaissance painting in Belgium and the Netherlands. This lovely book includes such artists as Van Eyck,*

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*Campin, Van der Weyden,  
David, Memling, and Bruegel,  
and contains commentaries on  
individual works, an  
appendix of paintings not  
covered in the text,  
artists' biographies, a  
glossary, a bibliography,*

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*and comparative*

*illustrations. Oversize:*

*9.5x11.25"Annotation*

*copyrighted by Book News,*

*Inc., Portland, OR*

*Tajikistan is a key state in*

*Central Asia, and will*

*become crucial to the*

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*regional power balance as it transitions away from Soviet government systems and responds to the rise of Chinese financial power alongside the continuing presence of Russian military might and instability in*

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*neighboring Afghanistan.*

*This book demonstrates how the Soviet atheist legacy continues to influence current state structures, the regulation of religion, the formation of national identities, and the*

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*understanding of the place  
of religion in society.  
Helene Thibault focuses on  
the differences between  
secular nationhood in  
Tajikistan, and an  
increasingly popular and  
influential Muslim identity.*



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*Featuring extensive and original primary-source material, including 12 months of ethnographic fieldwork, Thibault demonstrates the profound and lasting influence of Soviet power structures and*

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*attitudes, and how secular  
and religious identities  
clash in a context of  
tightening authoritarianism.  
Exploring Mormon Thought  
Handbook of Religion and the  
Asian City  
Multi-author works*

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*The Master's Dissertation of  
Cometan*

*Security in Africa*

*The Power and the Promise*

*The Human Search for Meaning*

*Social and Community Development*

*Practice makes a persuasive case for  
employing a social development*

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*approach to community development practice at local and village levels. Towards this end, the book offers a conceptual clarity of social and community development (SCD) by adding new dimensions. It also shows the significance of social policy*

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*education for social and community development workers and the need for expanding community development practice from local levels to international levels. The author argues that the social work profession itself needs to quickly reorganize and*

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*strengthen. It needs to consider alternative modes of preparing social workers and community organizers who can reach out at local levels. The profession also needs to develop indigenous ethical standards for SCD practice. The author's deep reflections*

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*reveal the dire need to refocus on SCD practice to address major issues such as poverty and inequality plaguing vast populations around the world.*

*A massive religious transformation has unfolded over the past forty years in Latin America and the Caribbean.*

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*In a region where the Catholic Church could once claim a near monopoly of adherents, religious pluralism has fundamentally altered the social and religious landscape. Conversion of a Continent brings together twelve original essays that document and*



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*explore competing explanations for how and why conversion has occurred. Contributors draw on various insights from social movement theory to religious studies to help outline its impact on national attitudes and activities, gender relations, identity*

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*politics, and reverse waves of missions from Latin America aimed at the American immigrant community. Unlike other studies on religious conversion, this volume pays close attention to who converts, under what circumstances, the meaning of*

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*conversion to the individual, and how the change affects converts' beliefs and actions. The thematic focus makes this volume important to students and scholars in both religious studies and Latin American studies.*

*The religious ambiguity of the world*

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*has many aspects, one of which is the hiddenness of God. Theists have proposed a number of explanations of God's hiddenness. Some putative explanations contend that the advantages of God's hiddenness ("goods of mystery") outweigh*

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*whatever benefits would result if God's existence and nature were clear to us ("goods of clarity"). Goods of mystery that have received a lot of discussion include human moral autonomy and the ability on our part to exercise control over whether we*

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*believe in the existence of God. The extent of the ambiguity that surrounds God's existence, and indeed all important religious matters, combined with our lack of an obviously correct and adequate explanation of this lack, suggest that, even if God exists, it is*

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*not important that people believe in God. Another central theme in the book is the significance of religious diversity for religious belief. The character of this diversity is such that it provides people who take a position on religious matters with reason to*

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*adopt the "Critical Stance" -- which requires people in all the religious traditions to subject their religious beliefs to critical scrutiny and hold those beliefs in a tentative way. Some contend that religious faith requires complete confidence in what is*



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*believed but tentative belief actually is sufficient to sustain many forms of religious commitment.*

*Art in Early Modern Japan*

*Religious Liberty in Transitional Societies*

*Epidemics*

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*Resources in Education*

*Mormon America - Revised and  
Updated Edition*

*Symbolism and Power in Central Asia*

*Contemporary Religious Change in  
Latin America*

*On September 11, 2001,*

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*America's 700,000 law enforcement officers were forcefully introduced to a new era in policing after Islamist terrorists perpetrated the most savage and horrific terrorist violence ever on American soil.*

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*In spite of the post 9/11 proliferation of information about Islamist terrorism, many law enforcement officers remain uninformed about the nature, scope, and reality of this threat. Even the FBI*

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*(America's lead law enforcement agency in the struggle against Islamist terrorism) fails to arm its agents with accurate and comprehensive information to understand this patient,*

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*merciless, and fanatical foe.  
This manual was prepared to  
address this knowledge void by  
explaining the underlying  
politico-religious motivations  
that drives Islamist terrorism. It  
contains chapters that explain*

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*Islamist terrorism and describe the history of Islam and the Prophet Muhammad. The tenets of Islam and the ideology used to justify terrorist atrocities ranging from suicide/homicide bombings in Israel to the*

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*slaughter of school children in Beslan, Russia are documented. The history of Jihad, the oldest and most successful international Islamist group in the world, and how this group has established an effective*



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*subversive apparatus in America that works tirelessly to dismantle our democratic freedoms is described. The text explains that by using a “soft” form of Jihad, this group seeks to destroy Western ideals and*

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*democracy with the goal of replacing them with a fascist totalitarian ideology to obtain world domination and the forced imposition of a seventh century politico-religious system of law. The*

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*radicalization process that can lead apparently well-integrated Muslim citizens to terrorism is discussed, including the Taliban and al-Qaeda terrorist groups. A summary of comprehensive information detailing the*

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*Islamist groups active within America and the dangers they pose to Homeland Security is provided. In addition, the Appendices contain an Arabic Name Analysis, Ritual Prayer-Salat, Jihad Holy War Verse in*

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*the Koran, Jihad campaigns in history, "The Last Night" letter by Muhammad Atta who was the leader in the 9/11 attacks, and an explanatory memorandum on the general strategic goal for the Muslim*

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*Brotherhood in North America.  
Perfect Enemy provides  
unbiased and accurate  
information to acquaint our law  
enforcement officers and  
Homeland Security officials  
with the Islamist mindset and*

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*threat. Knowing our  
adversaries is a fundamental  
first step in defeating their  
violent intentions and ensuring  
our survival, peace, and safety.  
(Publisher)*

*Syria has long presented a*

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*serious problem for the Middle East region and U.S. policy.*

*With its mix of competing religious and ethnic groups, radical ideologies, and political repression, it is a 72,000-square-mile time bomb waiting to go*



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*off. Yet surprisingly, very little is known about this country and the role it has played in shaping the destiny of the Middle East. In The Truth about Syria, Middle East expert Barry Rubin looks at the critical issues that*

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*have made the country the powderkeg of the Middle East and offers an insightful analysis of the effects of recent developments.*

*It is commonly assumed that the issue of religion declines in*

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*political significance as societies modernise. However, the upheaval associated with the shift from authoritarian to more open regimes can be accompanied by a revitalisation of religion. Individuals within*

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*these societies are struggling to find meaning in the seeming chaos of political change; religious elites are seeking to define their own role within the new order; and political elites are looking for new ways of*

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*ensuring legitimacy and building national unity. In this book John Anderson constructs a theoretical framework where he compares and contrasts the politics of religious liberty in two Southern European*

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*countries, two Central-Eastern European countries and the evolution of the former USSR, particularly Russia. Exploring these issues of religious 'recognition' and religious diversity, Anderson attempts to*

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*expose the wider problem of creating a democratic mentality in such transitional societies, through extensive original research and interviews.*

*Early Netherlandish Painting in the Metropolitan Museum of*

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*Art*

*Books and Their Readers in  
18th Century England*

*Directory of American Scholars:  
Philosophy, religion and law  
Disputing the Muslim Body*



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*State-building and Islam in Post-Soviet Central Asia*

*Politics of the Spectacular*

Despite having been active in the region since the mid-1990s, the role of NATO in the Middle East has

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attracted particular attention since the events of 11th September 2001. This book analyses the limits of NATO's role in the Middle East region and examines whether or not the Alliance is able to help in improving

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the fragile regional security environment through cooperative links with select Middle Eastern partners. The author reviews the strategic importance of the region from a Western perspective and why it has

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become a source of instability in world politics, looks at US and international initiatives to counteract this instability, and charts the development of NATO in this context. He also examines NATO's role

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with regard to two pressing Middle Eastern crises, Iraq and Darfur, assessing whether or not this role has been consistent with, if not an expression of, US strategic interests. A comprehensive examination of

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the impacts of 9-11 events on world security and the development of NATO's role in the Middle East, this book will be an important addition to the existing literature on security and strategic affairs, US

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foreign policy, Middle Eastern politics, European politics, and terrorism studies.

Cultural memory and narrative theology are well-known hallmarks of postmodern constructivist

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thought. The authors research into a century of Anglican history in the Mount Kenya region has helped to establish the little known village of Mutira on the world map of the history of Christianity



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in Africa. This book, a composition of African biographies and mission history, chronicles how the Anglican Church has carried out its work in Mutira area in the past 100 years.

The life of pioneer educator

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Stuart Hawthorne MA Before his premature death in 1875 from hepatitis at age 42, Stuart Hawthorne MA had been the first Headmaster of Ipswich Grammar School in Queensland (1863 to 1868) and the third Rector of

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Otago Boys' High School in New Zealand (1869 to 1874). He held these appointments at a time of great social upheaval, when new secular schools were breaking away from centuries-old religious domination and the narrow

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focus on 'classics' was being displaced by a wider range of new 'liberal' subjects. Hawthorne was at the forefront of these changes but more than this, Hawthorne introduced a new way of looking at education,

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modelled on the ideas of Thomas Arnold of Rugby school. For Hawthorne, schooling was not just classroom lessons; rather, the whole student was to be educated through the way of life of the school.

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The Search for Abundant Life  
A Multireligious  
Introduction to the  
Religions of Humankind  
The Politics of Religion  
No Humbug  
Theory, Research, and  
Practice

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Conversion of a Continent  
Religious Ambiguity and  
Religious Diversity

A look at the Mormon Church in America discusses the history, beliefs, and goals of an institution that has ten million members throughout the world and continues to grow and expand.

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"Handbook of Religion and the Asian City highlights the creative and innovative role of urban aspirations in Asian world cities. It points out that urban politics and governance are often about religious boundaries and processions--in short, that public religion is politics. The essays show how projects of secularism come up



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against projects and ambitions of a religious nature, a particular form of contestation that takes the city as its public arena. Asian cities are sites of speculation, not only for those who invest in real estate but also for those who look for housing, for employment, and for salvation. In its potential and actual mobility, the sacred

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creates social space in which they all can meet. Handbook of Religion and the Asian City makes the comparative case that one cannot study the historical patterns of urbanization in Asia without paying attention to the role of religion in urban aspirations" --Provided by publisher.

The Handbook of Transformative Learning

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The leading resource for the field, this handbook provides a comprehensive and critical review of more than three decades of theory development, research, and practice in transformative learning. The starting place for understanding and fostering transformative learning, as well as diving deeper, the volume distinguishes

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transformative learning from other forms of learning, explores future perspectives, and is designed for scholars, students, and practitioners. PRAISE FOR THE HANDBOOK OF TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING "This book will be of inestimable value to students and scholars of learning irrespective of whether or not

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their emphasis is on transformative learning. It should find its way to the reference bookshelves of every academic library focusing on education, teaching, learning, or the care professions."

—PETER JARVIS, professor of continuing education, University of Surrey

"Can there be a coherent theory of

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transformative learning? Perhaps. This handbook goes a long way to answering this question by offering a kaleidoscope of perspectives, including non-Western, that consider the meaning and practice of transformative learning." —SHAUNA BUTTERWICK, associate professor, University of British Columbia "This

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handbook will be valuable and accessible to both scholars and practitioners who are new to the study of adult education and transformative learning and to more seasoned scholars who seek a sophisticated analysis of the state of transformative learning thirty years after Mezirow first shared his version of a then-fledgling

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theory of adult learning." —JOVITA  
ROSS-GORDON, professor and program  
coordinator, MA in Adult Education,  
Texas State University

Key Maths

Ogata Korin

An African Church Comes of Age in  
Kirinyaga, Kenya (1912-2012)

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The Geopolitical Context Post-9/11

Religion Index Two

Current Index to Journals in Education

The Law Enforcement Manual of Islamist

Terrorism

*Jesus films arose with  
cinema itself. Richard Walsh*

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*and Jeffrey L. Staley  
introduce students to these  
films with a general  
overview of the Jesus film  
tradition and with specific  
analyses of 22 of its most  
influential exemplars,*

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*stretching from La vie du Christ (1906) to Mary Magdalene (2018). The introduction to each film includes discussion of plot, characters, visuals, appeal to authority, and cultural*

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*location as well as consideration of the director's (and/or other filmmakers') achievements and style. Several film chapters end with reflections on problematic*

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*issues bedeviling the tradition, such as cultural imperialism and patriarchy. To assist teachers and researchers, each chapter includes a listing of DVD chapters and the*

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*approximate “time” (for both DVDs and streaming platforms) at which key film moments occur. The book also includes a Gospels Harmony cataloging the time at which key gospel*

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*incidents appear in these films. Extensive endnotes point readers to other important work on the tradition and specific films. While the authors strive to set the Jesus film tradition*

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*within cinema and its interpretation, the DVD/streaming listing and the Gospels Harmony facilitate the comparison of these films to gospel interpretation and the Jesus*



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*tradition.*

*This book showcases new empirical findings on the conceptualization, design, and evaluation of land management interventions and addresses two crucial*

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*aspects: how and under which conditions such interventions are responsible, and how such interventions can be supported by smart technologies. Responsible*

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*and Smart Land*

*Management Interventions*

*is for all types of actors in  
land management. Although  
primarily based on cases  
from Africa, it addresses  
land management issues*

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*from practical and  
theoretical perspectives  
relevant for land managers  
worldwide. It brings the  
discourse up to date and  
helps all practitioners  
designing new policies and*

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*those looking for new instruments to do so. Aimed at land academics, including students, teachers, and researchers, as well as practitioners, including those working within*

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*international organizations,  
donor organizations, NGOs,  
and land independent  
consultants, this book  
Delivers innovative  
methodologies for land  
management for*

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*professionals involved in  
land administration projects  
Explores land management  
from a geodetic and spatial  
planning perspective  
Includes real cases,  
empirical data, and analysis*

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*in contemporary and  
alternative land  
management developments  
in Africa Addresses  
important land issues which  
contribute to national  
development and achieving*



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*United Nations' SDGs*

*Discusses contemporary  
research findings related to  
societal needs in land  
administration which are  
equally valid for non-African  
contexts Acts as a new*

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*teaching resource for land  
management and land  
administration courses, and  
land-related disciplines in  
geodesy, human geography,  
development studies, and  
environmental planning*

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*This collection of eight new essays investigates ways in which significant kinds of 18th-century writings were designed and received by different audiences. Rivers explores the answers to*

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*certain crucial questions  
about the contemporary use  
of books. This new edition  
contains the results of  
important new research by  
well known specialists in the  
field of book and publishing*

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*history over the last two  
decades.*

*Poynter Center Newsletter*

*Science, Governance, and*

*Social Justice*

*Religious Books and Serials*

*in Print, 1980-1981*

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*Religion, Politics and  
Gender in Indonesia*

*From Van Eyck to Bruegel  
Timetable*

*Aspiration and Urbanization  
in the Twenty-First Century*

*Recent disease events such as*

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*SARS, H1N1 and avian influenza, and haemorrhagic fevers have focussed policy and public concern as never before on epidemics and so-called 'emerging infectious diseases'. Understanding and responding to these often*

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*unpredictable events have become major challenges for local, national and international bodies. All too often, responses can become restricted by implicit assumptions about who or what is to blame that may not capture the dynamics and*



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*uncertainties at play in the multi-scale interactions of people, animals and microbes. As a result, policies intended to forestall epidemics may fail, and may even further threaten health, livelihoods and human rights. The book takes*

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*a unique approach by focusing on  
how different policy-makers,  
scientists, and local populations  
construct alternative narratives-  
accounts of the causes and  
appropriate responses to outbreaks-  
about epidemics at the global,*

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*national and local level. The contrast between emergency-oriented, top-down responses to what are perceived as potentially global outbreaks and longer-term approaches to diseases, such as AIDS, which may now be*

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*considered endemic, is highlighted.*

*Case studies-on avian influenza,*

*SARS, obesity, H1N1 influenza,*

*HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and*

*haemorrhagic fevers-cover a broad*

*historical, geographical and*

*biological range. As this book*

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*explores, it is often the most vulnerable members of a population-the poor, the social excluded and the already ill-who are likely to suffer most from epidemic diseases. At the same time, they may be less likely to*

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*benefit from responses that may be designed from a global perspective that neglects social, ecological and political conditions on the ground. This book aims to bring the focus back to these marginal populations to reveal the often unintended*

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*consequences of current policy responses to epidemics. Important implications emerge - for how epidemics are thought about and represented; for how surveillance and response is designed; and for whose knowledge and perspectives*

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*should be included. Published in association with the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Written and developed for the Edexcel specifications by leading authors, this resource provides full summaries of all key concept and*



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*skill areas. Pages of exam questions with worked solutions and hints and tips are included. The political downfall of the Suharto administration in 1998 marked the end of the "New Order" in Indonesia, a period*

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*characterized by 32 years of authoritarian rule. It opened the way for democracy, but also for the proliferation of political Islam, which the New Order had discouraged or banned. Many of the issues raised by Muslim groups*

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*concerned matters pertaining to gender and the body. They triggered heated debates about women's rights, female political participation, sexuality, pornography, veiling, and polygamy. The author argues that*

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*public debates on Islam and  
Gender in contemporary Indonesia  
only partially concern religion, and  
more often refer to shifting moral  
conceptions of the masculine and  
feminine body in its intersection  
with new class dynamics, national*

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*identity, and global consumerism.*

*By approaching the contentious debates from a cultural sociological perspective, the book links the theoretical domains of body politics, the mediated public sphere, and citizenship. Placing the issue*

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*of gender and Islam in the context of Indonesia, the biggest Muslim-majority country in the world, this book is an important contribution to the existing literature on the topic. As such, it will be of great interest to scholars of*

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*anthropology, sociology, and  
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Ostler explores Christian and Mormon notions about God. Written for both Mormons and non-Mormons interested in the relationship between Mormonism and classical theism, his path-breaking

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Exploring Mormon Thought:  
The Attributes of God is a  
critique of classical theism  
regarding some of the central  
concepts that have formed the  
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traditional philosophical theology including free will and foreknowledge, the nature of God and Christology. The approach to these questions is from the analytic philosophical tradition and includes detailed

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arguments relating to the coherence of Christian belief, scripture and practice. However he recognizes that religious faith is far more a product of intimacy with the divine than of ultimacy of reason, more a

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product of relationships than of logical necessities. He provides an overview of the most influential Christian notions of deity, exploring themes and resources within this discourse that might be helpful to Latter-

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day Saint explorations. Also highlighted are various perspectives within Mormonism itself including a detailed analysis of Joseph Smith's Lectures on Faith and discussion of the thought of

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questions about free agency and God's omnipotence might suggest resolutions to some of the difficult issues that have troubled theologians and philosophers for centuries. For the first time ever Ostler



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formulates a systematic  
Mormon Christology.

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societies scrambled to find meaning to their new independence. Central Asia was no exception. Events, relationships, gestures, spatial units and objects produced, conveyed and interpreted

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meaning. The new power container of the five independent states of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan would significantly influence this process of

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signification. Post-Soviet Central Asia is an intriguing field to examine this transformation: a region which did not see an organised independence movement develop prior to Soviet

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implosion at the centre, it provokes questions about how symbolisation begins in the absence of a national will to do so. The transformation overnight of Soviet republic into sovereign state provokes

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questions about how the process of communism-turned-nationalism could become symbolised, and what specific role symbols came to play in these early years of independence. Characterized by

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authoritarianism since 1991, the region ' s ruling elites have enjoyed disproportionate access to knowledge and to deciding what, how and when that knowledge should be applied. The first of its kind on Central

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Asia, this book not only widens our understandings of developments in this geopolitically important region but also contributes to broader studies of representation, ritual, power and identity. This book



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*This book sheds light on religiously motivated extremism and violence in South Asia, a phenomenon which ostensibly poses critical and unique challenges to the peace, security and governance not only of the region, but*

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*also of the world at large. The book is distinctive in-so-far as it re-examines conventional wisdom held about religious extremism in South Asia and departs from the literature which centres its analyses on Islamic militancy based on the questions and*

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*assumptions of the West's war on terror. This volume also offers a comprehensive analysis of new extremist movements and how their emergence and success places existing theoretical frameworks in the study of religious extremism into question.*

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*Through case studies focusing on Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, this collection examines extremist materials, methods of political mobilisation and recruitment processes and maps the interconnected nature of sociological*

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*change with the ideological and political transformations of extremist movements. Imran Ahmed is Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore. Zahid Shahab Ahmed is Research Fellow at*



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*A lush portrait introducing one of the  
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*Plum Blossoms, Ogata Kōrin*

*(1658-1716) was a highly successful artist who worked in many genres and media--including hanging scrolls, screen paintings, fan paintings, lacquer, textiles, and ceramics.*

*Combining archival research, social*

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*history, and visual analysis, Frank Feltens situates Kōrin within the broader art culture of early modern Japan. He shows how financial pressures, client preferences, and the impulse toward personal branding in a competitive field shaped Kōrin's*

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*approach to art-making throughout his career. Feltens also offers a keen visual reading of the artist's work, highlighting the ways Kōrin's artistic innovations succeeded across media, such as his introduction of painterly techniques into lacquer design and his*

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*creation of ceramics that mimicked the appearance of ink paintings. This book, the first major study of Kōrin in English, provides an intimate and thought-provoking portrait of one of Japan's most significant artists.*

*In the early twenty-first century it had*

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*become a cliché that there was a 'God Gap' between a more religious United States and a more secular Europe.*

*The apparent religious differences between the United States and western Europe continue to be a focus of intense and sometimes bitter debate*

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*between three of the main schools in the sociology of religion. According to the influential 'Secularization Thesis', secularization has been an integral part of the processes of modernisation in the Western world since around 1800. For proponents of*



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*this thesis, the United States appears as an anomaly and they accordingly give considerable attention to explaining why it is different. For other sociologists, however, the apparently high level of religiosity in the USA provides a major argument*

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*in their attempts to refute the Thesis.*

*Secularization and Religious*

*Innovation in the Atlantic World*

*provides a systematic comparison*

*between the religious histories of the*

*United States and western European*

*countries from the eighteenth to the*

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*late twentieth century, noting parallels as well as divergences, examining their causes and especially highlighting change over time. This is achieved by a series of themes which seem especially relevant to this agenda, and in each case the theme is*

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*'European' in the Christianity of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and in what ways national or regional differences outweigh these commonalities.*

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