

Religions Of The World A Comprehensive Encyclopedia Of Beliefs And Practices 1st Edition

Your guide to understanding seven of the world’s most prominent religions If you’re interested in learning about world religions, this book is the place to start. Packed with informative fact sheets and answers to common questions, this beginner’s guide fills you in on the most important aspects of each religion. You’ll learn about fascinating histories, rituals, and festivals as you grow to better understand the belief systems that offer meaning and purpose to billions of people around the globe. This beginner’s guide to major world religions features: Seven world religions--Discover the basic tenets and practices of Hinduism, Judaism, Taoism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, and Shikhism. Digestible snapshots--Learn key dates, major sects, primary texts, the most recognizable symbols, and everyday practices at a glance. A Q&A format--By presenting facts through questions and answers, this book uses a conversational tone that makes information easier to understand and remember. Build your knowledge of world religions with this beginner’s guide.

Religions of the World

This magisterial Norton Anthology, edited by world-renowned scholars, offers a portable library of more than 1,000 primary texts from the world’s major religions. To help readers encounter strikingly unfamiliar texts with pleasure; accessible introductions, headnotes, annotations, pronouncing glossaries, maps, illustrations and chronologies are provided. For readers of any religion or none, *The Norton Anthology of World Religions* opens new worlds that, as Miles writes, invite us “to see others with a measure of openness, empathy, and good will...”

Unprecedented in scope and approach, *The Norton Anthology of World Religions: Christianity* brings together over 150 texts from the Apostolic Era to the New Millennium. The volume features Jack Miles’s illuminating General Introduction—“How the West Learned to Compare Religions”—as well as Lawrence S. Cunningham’s “The Words and the Word Made Flesh,” a lively primer on the history and core tenets of Christianity.

World Religions

Retaining all the beloved qualities of Huston Smith’s classic The Religions of Man and the current fully revised and updated The World’s Religions, this stunning pictorial presentation refines the text to its wonderful essentials. In detailed, absorbing, richly illustrated, and highly readable chapters on Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Islam, Judaism, Christianity and primal religions, we find refreshing and fascinating presentations of both the differences and the similarities among the worldwide religious traditions. The approach is at once classic and contemporary, retaining all the empathy, eloquence and erudition that millions of readers love about the earlier editions, while being edited and designed for a contemporary general readership. This delightful marriage of winsome text and remarkable pictures vividly brings to life the scope and vision of Huston Smith’s expertise and insight.

The World Religions Paradigm has been the subject of critique and controversy in Religious Studies for many years. After World Religions provides a rationale for overhauling the World Religions curriculum, as well as a roadmap for doing so. The volume offers concise and practical introductions to cutting-edge Religious Studies method and theory, introducing a wide range of pedagogical situations and innovative solutions. An international team of scholars addresses the challenges presented in their different departmental, institutional, and geographical contexts. Instructors developing syllabi will find supplementary reading lists and specific suggestions to help guide their teaching. Students at all levels will find the book an invaluable entry point into an area of ongoing scholarly debate.

After World Religions

Our Great Wisdom Traditions

One World, Many Religions

The Persistence of Imperial Communion

Christianity and World Religions

A Fair and Friendly Introduction to the History, Beliefs, and Practices of the Big Five

Carl Hermann Voss has succeeded in presenting a very knowledgeable and comprehensive, and at the same time highly readable, account of the world’s major religions: their historical development, key personages, and basic tenets. He writes with clarity, insight, and sympathetic understanding. I found this to be an engrossing and illuminating book--Dr. Avraham Harman, The Hebrew University of reliable and readable, an excellent combination commending it to students and educated laymen alike. The living faiths, offering real alternatives in a world grown small and compelling every thinking person to make a personal choice, are presented with sympathy and scholarship. There is a fine concluding summary of the major issues of conscience and decision in a generation which displays an understanding of the living faiths. Franklin H. Littell, Temple University, Philadelphia, PADr. Voss’s important scholarly work has always been marked by extraordinary sensitivity combined with wide erudition. This marvelous book shows his many admirers anew how our common search for meaning finds distinct but complementary expression in the major religions of the world. A lifetime of scholarly reflection renders his book an essential Chicago

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

Counterfeits of Christianity

Explore the Beliefs, Traditions, and Cultures of Ancient and Modern Religions

The Religions of the World Made Simple

The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error

World Religions in a Nutshell

Exploring the Religions of Our World

This comprehensive volume focuses on the world’s religions and the changes they have undergone as they become more global and diverse in form. It explores the religions of the world not only in the regions with which they have been historically associated, but also looks at the new cultural and religious contexts in which they are developing. It considers the role of migration in the spread of religions by examining the issues raised for modern societies by the increasing interaction of different religions. The volume also addresses such central questions as the dynamics of religious innovation which is evidenced in the rise and impact of new religious and new spirituality movements in every continent.

Despite increasing public attention to animal suffering, human beings continue to exploit billions of animals in factory farms medical laboratories, and elsewhere. This wide-ranging study shows how spiritual teachings in seven major religious traditions can help people consider their ethical obligations towards other creatures.

From Islam and Judaism to Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormonism, quickly get a handle on 30 different belief systems and how they compare to Christianity with this pocket-sized book! In addition to providing basic outlines of world religions such as Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam, World Religions Made Easy also compares the key beliefs of each. Features: Each religion’s origin Key writings Key beliefs and practices Perspective on salvation, the Trinity, and the afterlife Religions included: Scientology Taoism Sikhism Neopaganism &Wicca New Spirituality World Mission Society of God Branhamism And many more Strengthen your understanding of Christianity and get practical insight into different faiths so that you can be a more effective witness. Paul Carden is executive director of the Centers for Apologetics Research (CFAR), and author of Christianity, Cults &Religions (over 1 million copies sold) He is also former co-host of the nationwide “Bible Answer Man” radio program. ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE MADE EASY SERIES: Bible Study Made Easy 9781628623437 The Books of the Bible Made Easy 9781628623420 Understanding the Holy Spirit Made Easy 9781628623444

Online Resources Include: - Activity Sheets - PowerPoint Presentations - Links of Interest - Maps - Interactive Crossword Puzzles - Short Lesson Plans - Sample Chapters - Access to Teacher-Only Test Files & More! - Sign up for the Religious Education Newsletter by Sending an email to kwelde@nd.edu. You can view previous issues by going to www.avemariapress.com, clicking on the Religious Education icon, and clicking on the newsletter link on the left-hand side.

World Religions Made Easy

Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices, 2nd Edition [6 volumes]

Religion Matters

Understanding World Religions

The Ways We Worship

Great Religions of the World

All religions make statements about God or the Absolute and about "the beginning": about the beginning of the world and the beginning and nature of the human person. Propositions about God, the human person, and the world, statements about God’s eternity or process of becoming, about the status and nature of the human person as the "image of God", and about the human person as the "image of God", are woven into "religious speculations about the beginning". The theology, anthropology, and cosmology of the world religions determine the image of the human person and the image of the world in the world cultures shaped by the different religions. They stand in a tense relationship with the anthropologies and cosmologies of modern science, which in turn challenge the image of the human person. With this volume leading thinkers of Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam provide the reader with a first-hand source for understanding the five world religions and their teaching about God, the human person, and the origin of the world.

This book takes a tour of the world’s most influential religions in tow parts. The first part discusses the essentials of these faiths. The second part of the book surveys Christian responses to other religions - from the point of view of biblical authors and historically in the church. The appendix includes some helpful primary and secondary books relating to this theme and more.

An illustrated introduction to comparative religion, discussing Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism.

An essential introduction to the world’s living religions by experts from each tradition -- published in conjunction with the 1993 Parliament of the World’s Religions.

Atlas of World Religions

An Introduction

The Concept of God, the Origin of the World, and the Image of the Human in the World Religions

A Beginner’s Guide to the 7 Major World Religions

The Kids Book of World Religions

From Their Origins To The Present

The World’s Religions offers a fascinating insight into a wide range of faiths, their history and their followers. In the richly illustrated new edition of this popular book, religions are described through their symbols, rituals, followers, architecture and art. References, statistics, maps

and pictures have been updated and added. The text has been thoroughly revised to highlight recent developments, such as the spread of Islam, African-American and Hispanic-American religious experience, and women priests.

The Religions of the World Made SimpleDoubleday Books

Globalization and high-speed communication put twenty-first century people in contact with adherents to a wide variety of world religions, but usually, valuable knowledge of these other traditions is limited at best. On the one hand, religious stereotypes abound, hampering a serious

exploration of unfamiliar philosophies and practices. On the other hand, the popular idea that all religions lead to the same God or the same moral life fails to account for the distinctive origins and radically different teachings found across the world’s many religions. Understanding World

Religions presents religion as a complex and intriguing matrix of history, philosophy, culture, beliefs, and practices. Hexham believes that a certain degree of objectivity and critique is inherent in the study of religion, and he guides readers in responsible ways of carrying this out. Of particular importance is Hexham’s decision to explore African religions, which have frequently been absent from major religion texts. He surveys these in addition to varieties of Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Understanding the where of the world’s religious traditions is an important component of understanding the what. Now, as part of a brand-new series of atlas resources, Fortress Press is pleased to offer an affordable, compact yet comprehensive atlas of world religions.

World Religions

Atlas of World Religions is newly built from the ground up. Featuring more than fifty new maps, graphics, and timelines, the atlas is an immensely helpful companion to any study of world religions. Concise, helpful text written by acknowledged authorities guides the experience and interprets the visuals. Consciously written for students at any level, the volume is perfect for independent students, as well as those in structured courses. The atlas provides ample and equal coverage of all of the world’s major religious traditions, as well as generous coverage of regional or indigenous traditions in specific regions of the world. The atlas is grounded in a helpful section on the earliest humans and the spread of the first organized religions, and it culminates in up-to-date maps of religion in the world today.

World Religions

The World’s Religions

The Seven World Religions Introduced by Preeminent Scholars from Each Tradition

World Religions for Healthcare Professionals

The Illustrated World’s Religions

Our Search for Meaning

Norton Anthology of World Religions

Religions in today’s culture seem to be multiplying. Have you ever wondered why certain religions believe and practice what they do? Or how they view the Bible? This volume delves into these and other engaging questions, such as: How can a Christian witness to people in these religions? Do these other religions believe in creation and a Creator? How do we deal with these religions from a biblical authority perspective? Many religions and cults discussed in this first volume openly affirm that the Bible is true, but then something gets in their way. And there is a common factor every time—man’s fallible opinions. In one way or another the Bible gets demoted, reinterpreted, or completely ignored. Man’s ideas are used to throw the Bible’s clear teaching out the window while false teachings are promoted. This book is a must for laymen, church leaders, teachers, and students to understand the trends in our culture and around the world where certain religions dominate, helping you discern truth and guard your faith. When you understand a religion’s origins and teachings, you are in a better position to know how to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ as you take the good news to those in false religions.

This work seeks to answer questions about the great religious traditions in the contemporary age. It focuses upon those religions that continue to demand the attention of the Western world. Following an introduction on the philosophy of religion, attention is focused on Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam which are religions that have had (and probably continue to have) the greatest number of followers in Western society. In addition to the lasting impact that religion has had in society, we are witnesses to the development of secularism on the one hand and the revival of religious sentiment on the other, thus chapters on modernity, postmodernism, and 'fundamentalism' have also been included. The distinctive feature of the book is its modern feel. Each chapter brings the reader up-to-date with recent developments and commentaries upon recent religious thought, theology and religious-political movements. Moreover, the length of the chapters permits a detailed analysis which is so often lacking in books on world religions.

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

This masterful six-volume encyclopedia provides comprehensive, global coverage of religion, emphasizing larger religious communities without neglecting the world’s smaller religious outposts. • Coverage of the religions of more than 240 countries, including all of the larger religious communities, denominations, and sects • Detailed statistical information on the major religious communities in each country • 100+ entries on famous and important religious sites and places of pilgrimage • Biographies of the 100 most influential religious leaders in history • More than 150 photographs, plus maps and illustrations for each nation • A bibliography for each entry

Animals and World Religions

A Guide to Our Wisdom Traditions
The Everything World's Religions Book
Christianity
Secularization and the World Religions
12 Major World Religions

A leading textbook for world religion, this new edition 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. The second edition has new and extended primary source readings, a stronger section on the Religions of South Asia, additional maps, a new full-color, student-friendly format, and more. For billions of people, having a religious belief system provides purpose in life. For some, religion serves as a guide for moral behavior. Today's world is one in which our understanding of world religions is both understatedly important, as well as increasingly complex. After many years exploring the foundations of various world religions, Jason Boyett has written this comprehensive, easy-to-understand exploration of the twelve major world religions through a meticulous, yet unbiased lens. 12 Major World Religions offers an impartial look at where each of these belief systems intersects, how they differ, and why some have been—or are currently—misunderstood.

In Religion and World History, distinguished authors John C. Super and Briane K. Turley examine the value of religion for interpreting the human experience in the past and present. They explore the elements of religion which best connect it to the cultural and political dynamics that have influenced history. Working within this framework, Super and Turley present three unifying themes: * the relationship between formal and informal religious beliefs, how these change through time, and how they are reflected in different cultures * the relationship between church and state, from theocracies to the repression of religion * the ongoing search for spiritual certainty, and the consequent splintering of core religious beliefs and the development of new ones. One of the few recent books to examine religion’s role in geo-political affairs, its unique approach enables the reader to grasp the many and complex ways in which religion acts upon and reacts to broader global processes.

Learn everything you need to know about the central practices, important figures, and key teachings of many different religions. Each of the major faiths - including Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism and Islam - is examined in detail through its sacred texts, epic imagery, key beliefs and religious artefacts. Entries also explore other faiths from Zoroastrianism - the oldest "living" religion - to the alternative beliefs of the modern era - all of which are set into the context of the political, social, and cultural climates from which they emerged.

Compelling and accessible, World Religions is the perfect guide for students of religious study, or anyone interested in the ideas of ancient and present day faiths and religious philosophies.

World Religions and Cults Volume 1

A Study for Everyman

Religions of the World

Questions and Answers for Humanity's Oldest and Largest Faiths

World Religions

The Encyclopedia of World Religions

Understanding the Religions of the World offers a new approach to the study of religion which moves away from the purely descriptive and instead helps students understand how religions actually 'work'. Covering all the main faith traditions, it combines historical context, contemporary beliefs and practices, and original theory, with numerous study features and valuable overviews. A major new student-focused textbook concentrating on contemporary practices and beliefs of world religions Brings together a team of experts to provide a uniquely comprehensive coverage of religious traditions, including African religions and the religions of Oceania, which are rarely covered in detail Integrates original theory by arguing that each religion operates according to its own logic and order, and that they fulfill our need for a point of orientation Incorporates extensive student features including chapter introductions, 'did you know?' sections, boxed examples/material, numerous images and maps, conclusions, study questions and teaching plans, available on publication at www.wiley.com/go/deming

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.

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.

This volume concerns itself with the connections between religions and the social world and with the extent, limits, and future of secularization. Dealing with the major religious traditions and their explicit or implicit ideas about the individual, social, and political order, as well as offering an overview of the religious situation in important geographical areas, Secularization and the World Religions analyzes the legal organization of the relationship between state and religion—as well as the role of the natural sciences—in a global perspective. Contributors include such internationally renowned scholars as Winfried Brugger, José Casanova, Hans Joas, and Hans Kippenberg.

Major World Religions

Third Edition
 Continuities and Transformations
 The Beliefs, Rituals, and Traditions of Humanity's Most Influential Faiths
 Illustrated World's Religions

** 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

*The world has always been a melting pot of beliefs, but now more than ever, your neighbor may be part of a differing world religion. In Comparing Christ with World Religions, the truths of Christianity are compared to key beliefs of Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and tribal religions. This is a most helpful tool in answering questions you or seekers have about other religious beliefs, and a handy overview for sharing your faith with others. * Formerly titled The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error II*

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.

A full account as possible of the principal religions that have existed and do now exist-to show how in different lands, or in different ages, has symbolized human worship in man's ascent of the world's altar stairs.

Reconstructing Religious Studies
An Interdisciplinary Approach
Religion in World History
Comparing Christianity with World Religions
Living Religions of the World
Understanding the Religions of the World

For believers and skeptics alike, A Doubter's Guide to World Religions introduces the five major world religions so that you can explore their similarities and differences in a fair and engaging way. The world is a very religious place. Wherever you look, people are worshipping, praying, believing, following, even dying for their faith. But what does it mean to be religious? Are all religions the same? Do they all call on the same God simply using different names? Are their beliefs and practices simply cultural expressions of the same spiritual longings? Written by historian and theologian John Dickson in his characteristically engaging style, this book presents each of the world's five major systems of faith, carefully outlining the history, doctrines, beliefs, and spiritual practices of: Hinduism ("The Way of Release") Buddhism ("The Way of Enlightenment") Judaism ("The Way of the Torah") Christianity ("The Way of the Christ") Islam ("The Way of Submission") In his own words, Dickson acts as an art curator in a gallery, presenting each of these "works of art" in their best light and letting each have their say. Along the way, he demonstrates the importance of religion in general—to society and to individual believers—and addresses many of the universal questions that all of these serious and ancient religions ask: Who are we? What is our worth? How should we live? Are we alone? At the end of each section is a bibliography of helpful books and websites for those who are interested in learning even more.

A religion is a system of stories, and there is no better way to engage with the world's religions than through the stories that animate their beliefs and practices. Through the exploration of these ancient stories and contemporary practices, Stephen Prothero, a New York Times bestselling author and gifted storyteller, helps students better grasp the role of religion in our fractured world and to develop greater religious literacy. Videos and an award-winning adaptive learning tool, InQuizitive, further engage students and help them master core objectives and develop their own religious literacy.

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Introduction to World Religions
Our Religions
A Doubter's Guide to World Religions
A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices