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Controversial New Religions Jun 26 2021 In terms of public opinion, new religious movements are considered controversial for a variety of reasons. Their social organization often runs counter to popular expectations by experimenting with communal living, alternative leadership roles, unusual economic dispositions, and new political and ethical values. As a result the general public views new religions with a mixture of curiosity, amusement, and anxiety, sustained by lavish media emphasis on oddness and tragedy rather than familiarity and lived experience. This updated and revised second edition of *Controversial New Religions* offers a scholarly, dispassionate look at those groups that have generated the most attention, including some very well-known classical groups like The Family, Unification Church, Scientology, and Jim Jones's People's Temple; some relative newcomers such as the Kabbalah Centre, the Order of the Solar Temple, Branch Davidians, Heaven's Gate, and the Falun Gong; and some interesting cases like contemporary Satanism, the Raelians, Black nationalism, and various Pagan groups. Each essay combines an overview of the history and beliefs of each organization or movement with original and insightful analysis. By presenting decades of scholarly work on new religious movements written in an accessible form by established scholars as well as younger experts in the field, this book will be an invaluable resource for all those who seek a view of new religions that is deeper than what can be found in sensationalistic media stories.

Religion, Theatre, and Performance Mar 04 2022 The intersections of religion, politics, and performance form the loci of many of the most serious issues facing the world today, sites where some of the world's most pressing and momentous events are contested and played out. That this circumstance warrants continued, thoughtful, and imaginative engagement from those within the fields of theatre and performance is one of the guiding principles of this volume. This collection features a diverse set of perspectives, written by some of the top scholars in the relevant fields, on the many modern intersections of religion with theatre and performance. Contributors argue that religion can no longer be conceived of as a cultural phenomenon that is safely sequestered in the "private sphere." It is instead an explicitly public force that stimulates and complicates public actions, and thus a crucial component of much performance. From mystic theologies of acting to the neuroscience of spirituality in rituals to the performance of secularism, these essays address a broad variety of religious traditions, sharing a common conception of religion as a crucial object of discourse—one that is formed by, and significantly formative of, performance.

Anthology of World Scriptures Aug 09 2022 Robert Van Voorst's ANTHOLOGY OF WORLD SCRIPTURES, now in its fifth edition, is the most widely adopted anthology in comparative world religions courses. Now, for the first time, Wadsworth is proud to present Van Voorst's ANTHOLOGY OF WORLD SCRIPTURES: EASTERN RELIGIONS. This new volume contains not only all of the scriptural selections from the previous ANTHOLOGY, but also newer textual material for each religion that brings scripture study closer to our own time. Included in this concise, affordable reader is coverage of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Taoism and Shinto. Van Voorst's characteristic clarity and pedagogical vision make for a student-friendly and scholarly dependable guide to the history, doctrines, ethical systems, structures and rituals of these major Eastern religions.

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Revelation Nov 19 2020 The final book of the Bible, Revelation prophesies the ultimate judgement of mankind in a series of allegorical visions, grisly images and numerological predictions. According to these, empires will fall, the "Beast" will be destroyed and Christ will rule a new Jerusalem. With an introduction by Will Self.

An Earnest Appeal to Men of Reason and Religion, by John Wesley,... The 9th Edition Apr 12 2020

Anthology of World Scriptures Oct 19 2020 ANTHOLOGY OF WORLD SCRIPTURES is a comprehensive collection of scriptures from the major world religions, including: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shinto, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, in addition to scriptures from more recent religious movements. The text presents scripture readings in context, providing students with a framework that shows how each religion is actually practiced today, as well as its history, teachings, organization, ethics and rituals. To ensure their accessibility and ease of use, readings are supported by introductions, study questions, glossaries, and suggestions for further reading by the editor. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Experiencing the World's Religions Feb 20 2021

A History of the World's Religions Nov 12 2022 A History of the World's Religions bridges the interval between the founding of religions and their present state, and gives students an accurate look at the religions of the world by including descriptive and interpretive details from the original source materials. Refined by over forty years of dialogue and correspondence with religious experts and practitioners around the world, A History of the World's Religions is widely regarded as the hallmark of scholarship, fairness, and accuracy in its field. It is also the most thorough yet manageable history of world religion available in a single volume, treating many subjects largely neglected in other texts.

Religion and Popular Culture in America, Third Edition Jul 08 2022 "Since 2000, Religion and Popular Culture in America has been one [of the] standard books used in teaching this area of study. Modestly updated in 2005, it continues to be taught in colleges, universities and theological schools across the continent. The basic four-part structure of Religion and Popular Culture in America remains sound and is a feature that appeals to many who have taught the volume. Section One, Religion in Popular Culture, examines the way traditional religious symbols, narratives, and forms of religious practice appear in popular culture. Section Two, Popular Culture in Religion, considers how religion takes on and is reshaped by styles and values of popular culture. Section Three, Popular Culture as Religion, explores the ways that aspects of popular culture and their reception might be considered to be forms of religion. Section Four, Religion and Popular Culture in Dialogue, introduces religiously based critiques of popular culture and ways that popular culture articulates common critiques of religion. The third edition maintains the structure and basic length of the current edition and retains Forbes' introductory framework and update versions of key essay. But they replace many of the more dated subjects with new material drawing on more contemporary examples. A concluding essay by Mahan organizes key insights from the essays and relates them to the theories of popular culture illuminated in the introduction"--Provided by publisher.

Readings in Christianity May 06 2022 This book is designed to introduce students to the world of Christian scholarship by way of primary literary sources. It contains the most notable and instructive primary sources from the entire sweep of Christian history, along with accessible introductions, line-by-line annotations, study questions, a glossary, and suggestions for further reading. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Religion in America Mar 16 2023

Religion in Contemporary China Jun 14 2020 This book provides a wide-ranging and in-depth survey of contemporary religious practices in China. It explains how recent economic reforms and concurrent relaxation of religious polices have created fertile ground for the revitalization of a wide range of religious practices and relates this to larger issues of social and cultural continuity and change.

Anthology of World Scriptures May 18 2023 With ANTHOLOGY OF WORLD SCRIPTURES, 9th Edition you will encounter the most notable and instructive sacred texts from major world religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shinto, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. You'll also examine scriptures from new religious movements including Baha'i, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Christian Science Church, and the Unification Church. You'll study scriptural readings in context, see how each religion is actually practiced today, as well as be introduced to its history, teachings, organization, ethics, and rituals. To help you understand the readings, you'll find introductions, study questions, glossaries, extensive footnotes explaining more challenging parts of the readings, scriptural charts, and suggestions for further reading. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Digital Creatives and the Rethinking of Religious Authority May 14 2020 Much speculation was raised in the 1990s, during the first decade of internet

research, about the extent to which online platforms and digital culture might challenge traditional understandings of authority, especially in religious contexts. *Digital Creatives and the Rethinking of Religious Authority* explores the ways in which religiously-inspired digital media experts and influencers online challenge established religious leaders and those who seek to maintain institutional structures in a world where online and offline religious spaces are increasingly intertwined. In the twenty-first century, the question of how digital culture may be reshaping notions of whom or what constitutes authority is incredibly important. Questions asked include: Who truly holds religious power and influence in an age of digital media? Is it recognized religious leaders and institutions? Or religious digital innovators? Or digital media users? What sources, processes and/or structures can and should be considered authoritative online, and offline? Who or what is really in control of religious technological innovation? This book reflects on how digital media simultaneously challenges and empowers new and traditional forms of religious authority. It is a gripping read for those with an interest in communication, culture studies, media studies, religion/religious studies, sociology of religion, computer-mediated communication, and internet/digital culture studies.

Mark of Faith Mar 24 2021 At long last - the Adepta Sororitas are back! With the birth of the Cicatrix Maledictum the Imperium of Mankind suffers as never before. Conflict and corruption is rife on every front and precious little hope remains, save for those who hold to their faith when faced with destruction...

Denied a martyr's death during the battle for Ophelia VII, Sister Evangeline of the Order of Our Martyred Lady is blessed with a new and grave duty; to embark on a pilgrimage beyond the Great Rift to recover a precious and powerful artefact – the Shield of Saint Katherine. Accompanied by the enigmatic Inquisitor Ravara, who seeks her own closure in the veiled regions beyond the Rift, Evangeline must find a way to bear the weight of this unaskedfor destiny if she and her Sisters are to succeed in restoring a fragment of light to this new dark Imperium.

Magic Witchcraft and Religion: A Reader in the Anthropology of Religion Apr 17 2023 *Magic Witchcraft and Religion: A Reader in the Anthropology of Religion* takes an anthropological approach to the study of religious beliefs and practices, both strange and familiar. The engaging articles on all key issues related to the anthropology of religion grab the attention of students, while giving them an excellent foundation in contemporary ideas and approaches in the field. The multiple authors included in each chapter represent a range of interests, geographic foci, and ways of looking at each subject. Features of the ninth edition include new study questions and articles, as well as updated discussions on religion, illness, healing, and death.

Living Religions Aug 21 2023 Religion is not a museum piece but a vibrant force in the lives of many people around the world. *Living Religions* is a sympathetic approach to what is living and significant in the world's major religious traditions and in various new movements that are arising. This book provides a clear and straightforward account of the development, doctrines, and practices of the major faiths followed today.

Religion and Politics in America Sep 10 2022 Religion and politics are never far from the headlines, but their relationship remains complex and often confusing. In this fifth edition of *Religion and Politics in America*, the authors offer a lively, accessible, and balanced treatment of religion in American politics. They explore the historical, cultural, and legal contexts that underlie religious political engagement while also highlighting the pragmatic and strategic political realities that religious organizations and people face. Incorporating the best and most up-to-date scholarship, the authors assess the politics of Roman Catholics; evangelical, mainline, and African American Protestants; Jews; Muslims and other conventional and not-so-conventional American religious movements. The author team also examines important subjects concerning religion and its relationship to gender, race/ethnicity, and class. The fifth edition has been revised to include the 2012 elections, in particular Mitt Romney's candidacy and Mormonism, as well as a fuller assessment of the role of religion in President Obama's first term. In-depth treatment of core topics, contemporary case studies, and useful focus-study boxes, provides students with a real understanding of how religion and politics relate in practice and makes this fifth edition essential reading for courses in political science, religion, and sociology departments.

Faith: Greater Heights Jul 16 2020 From Julie Murphy, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Dumplin'*, comes the exciting conclusion in the origin story of fan-favorite comic character Faith—a fierce, plus-size superhero. Faith Herbert can finally admit that she's not a regular teen—and take advantage of her new flying superpowers. After the chaos of her first semester, Faith just wants to end her senior year in a normal way—enjoying all the hallmarks of graduating high school, like prom, with her best friends Matt and Ches. But a cryptic warning about psiots going missing and a rash of inexplicable fires means things are off to a strange start. Life goes from weird to worse when Colleen Bristow, the quiet nerd-turned-supervillain, reappears, acting like nothing ever happened. As if that weren't enough, rumored sightings of Faith's ex, the beautiful Dakota Ash, who was thought to have died months ago in the warehouse fire that exposed more than a few secrets, start to emerge. Faith can't seem to shake Dakota's betrayal from that tragic day, but she also can't help hoping the rumors are true. . . . As Faith tries to balance her quest for a memorable senior year and the heartbreak of Grandma Lou's increasing decline, she learns to have faith in herself—and that sometimes fate will point you in the right direction.

Religion Matters Apr 05 2022 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.

Introduction to the Study of Religion Oct 31 2021 This introductory text helps students think through the basic questions that arise in the study of religion. What is the nature of religious experience? How does religion shape the actions of individuals and communities? How does religion promote or inhibit human development and well-being? This 2nd edition has been updated throughout, including new examples, new themes such as religious fundamentalism and violence, and a new emphasis on environmental issues.

Catechism of the Catholic Church Apr 24 2021 Over 3 million copies sold! Essential reading for Catholics of all walks of life. Here it is - the first new Catechism of the Catholic Church in more than 400 years, a complete summary of what Catholics around the world commonly believe. The Catechism draws on the Bible, the Mass, the Sacraments, Church tradition and teaching, and the lives of saints. It comes with a complete index, footnotes and cross-references for a fuller understanding of every subject. The word catechism means "instruction" - this book will serve as the standard for all future catechisms. Using the tradition of explaining what the Church believes (the Creed), what she celebrates (the Sacraments), what she lives (the Commandments), and what she prays (the Lord's Prayer), the Catechism of the Catholic Church offers challenges for believers and answers for all those interested in learning about the mystery of the Catholic faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a positive, coherent and contemporary map for our spiritual journey toward transformation.

Spaces of Religion in Urban South Asia Dec 21 2020 This book explores religion in various spatial constellations in South Asian cities, including religious centres such as Varanasi, Madurai and Nanded, and cities not readily associated with religion, such as Mumbai and Delhi. Contributors from different disciplines discuss a large variety of urban spaces: physical and imagined, institutional and residential, built and landscaped, virtual and mediated, historical and contemporary. In doing so, the book addresses a wide range of issues concerning the role of religion in the dynamic interplay of factors which characterise complex urban social spaces. Chapters incorporate varying degrees and forms of the religious/spiritual, ranging from invisible and incorporeal to material and explicit, embedded in and expressed as spatial politics, works of fiction, mission, pilgrimage, festivals and everyday life. Topics examined include conflictual situations involving places of worship in Delhi, inclusive religious practices in Kanpur, American Protestant mission in Madurai, the celebration of the Prophet's birthday in Lahore, gardens as imaginative spaces, the politics of religion in Varanasi and many others. Illustrating and analysing ways and forms in which religion persists in South Asian urban contexts, this book will be of interest to researchers and students in the fields of cultural studies, the study of religions, urban studies and South Asian studies.

Religion and Popular Culture in America, Third Edition Dec 13 2022 The connection between popular culture and religion is an enduring part of American life. With seventy-five percent new content, the third edition of this multifaceted and popular collection has been revised and updated throughout to provide greater religious diversity in its topics and address critical developments in the study of religion and popular culture. Ideal for classroom use, this expanded volume gives increased attention to the implications of digital culture and the increasingly interactive quality of popular culture provides a framework to help students understand and appreciate the work in diverse fields, methods, and perspectives contains an updated introduction, discussion questions, and other instructional tools

The Role of Religion in Modern Societies Sep 17 2020 Does modernization lead to the decline of religion? This question lies at the centre of a key debate in the sociology of religion. During the past decade American scholars, using primarily American data, have dominated this debate and have made a strong case that the answer to this question is no. Recently, however, a new crop of European scholars, working with new sources of European data, have uncovered evidence that points toward an affirmative answer. This volume pays special attention to these trends and developments to provide the reader with a more well-rounded

understanding of the many ways in which religion interacts with modernization. Respected scholars such as David Voas, Steve Bruce and Anthony Gill examine modern societies across the world in this splendid book which will interest sociologists, political scientists, historians, and theologians in equal measure.

Extraordinary Groups Jan 22 2021 Extraordinary Groups has had a storied history of excellence over multiple editions. Now available from Waveland Press at the start of its fifth decade of availability, its interdisciplinary approach to groups engaged in unconventional lifestyles makes it a popular textbook choice in hundreds of college courses across the social sciences, including anthropology, religion, history, and psychology. Written by sociologists, using and illustrating sociological principles, the book is appealing because it is descriptive and explanatory rather than analytical. Descriptions of the groups are interwoven with basic sociological concepts, but systematic analysis and inductive reasoning are left to the discretion of the instructor. Extraordinary Groups is a compelling overview of the broad tapestry of social life that constitutes the United States. The illustrated, full-featured Ninth Edition includes a glossary and end-of-chapter key terms, sources on the Web, and selected readings.

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Why We Believe the Bible Jul 28 2021 The Classic work on Christian evidences. How do we know there is a God? How do we know the Bible is His word?

What about other "great religions" and "great books"? What about science and the Bible? In thirteen carefully-written chapters, the author shows with conciseness and clarity how thoroughly reasonable is the accuracy of the scriptures as the divinely inspired Word of God. It will strengthen your faith and arm you to meet skeptics. With reliance on outside sources, the work provides a solid foundation for discussions of the authenticity, accuracy, and integrity of the Bible. One of the classic works in Christian apologetics of all time. 119 pages, 9th edition. Available in hardcover and paperback.

Religion and its History Aug 29 2021 Religion and its History offers a reflection of our operative concept of religion and religions, developing a set of approaches that bridge the widely assumed gulf between analysing present religion and doing history of religion. Religious Studies have adapted a wide range of methodologies from sociological tool kits to insights and concepts from disciplines of social and cultural studies. Their massive historical claims, which typically idealize and reify communities and traditions, and build normative claims thereupon, lack a critical engagement on the part of the researchers. This book radically rethinks and critically engages with these biases. It does so by offering neither an abridged global history of religion nor a small handbook of methodology. Instead, this book presents concepts and methods that allow the analysis of contemporary and past religious practices, ideas, and institutions within a shared framework.

Religions of the World Oct 11 2022 Discover the historical importance of religion in the world's cultures Closely edited for clarity and readability, and conceived for students with little or no background in the academic study of religions, Religions of the World offers the most up-to-date and historically accurate coverage of the world's major religions. It not only explains to students why it is imperative to study religions, but does this through the support of primary source documents, coverage of religions as they exist today, and integrated media resources. In preparing the twelfth edition of Religions of the World, Mark Woodward drew on his introductory teaching experience - to thousands of undergraduates over the last decade - and his living / working experiences in Asian Christian, Buddhist, Confucian and Muslim societies for extended periods. He continues to stress the importance of religion in the world's cultures, and the need to promote harmony and understanding among people of different faiths. Teaching and Learning Experience Personalize Learning - MyReligionLab delivers proven results in helping students succeed, provides engaging experiences that personalize learning, and comes from a trusted partner with educational expertise and a deep commitment to helping students and instructors achieve their goals. Improve Critical Thinking - Outstanding student pedagogy and Religion and Violence boxes encourage students to examine their assumptions, discern hidden values, evaluate evidence, assess their conclusions, and more! Engage Students - Religions of the World provides undergraduate students with a relevant text written at a level they can understand, and explains religious diversity and complex themes within context of real people and real life. Support Instructors - Teaching your course just got easier! You can create a Customized Text or use our Instructor's Manual, Electronic "MyTest" Test Bank or PowerPoint Presentation Slides. Plus, Religions of the World's coverage is both comprehensive and broad enough that you can choose which religions you want to cover, and not find it necessary to use handouts, course packs, or supplemental texts.

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Many Peoples, Many Faiths Jul 20 2023 This classic work presents the religions of the world in a way that captures the total human experience in a factual and empathetic manner, helping students gain a sense of each religion's unique characteristics, positive meaning, romance, and beauty, while tackling some of today's most critical religious issues. Written in an engaging style, it comes fully updated--with fresh insights and information on each of the world's major religions, as well as on new religious movements. Specific sections on the role of women in each of the world religions, the world religions in America, and (new to this edition) religion, governance, and public life are special features of this text. This text also includes a wealth of learning aids, including practical outlines that guide students in researching and writing papers and through visits to religious sites, as well as information to help guide students in their on-line research.

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Calculus Multivariable 9th Edition Binder Ready Version Aug 17 2020

Christianity Encountering World Religions (Encountering Mission) Feb 15 2023 The current religious climate poses unique challenges to those engaged in mission. Thus the authors of this book propose a new, yet very biblical, model for interacting with people of other faiths. They term this model giftive mission, as it is based on the metaphor of free gift. We bear the greatest gift possible--the gospel message. Adopting this perspective not only has the potential for greater missionary success but also enables us to more closely imitate God's gracious activity in the world. The core of the book explores eleven practices that characterize giftive mission. Each practice is illustrated through the story of a figure from mission history who embodied that practice. Further discussion shows how to incorporate these practices in specific mission settings.

Relg Jun 07 2022 Learn about World Religions YOUR Way with RELG: WORLD, 4th Edition! Undertake a fascinating journey as you explore the belief systems that have shaped societies throughout history. Pair your easy-reference, visually-engaging text with MindTap for access to highlighting and notetaking features, chapter quizzes, and ready-made study tools. MindTap for RELG: WORLD, 4th Edition allows easy exploration of world religions anywhere, anytime - including on your mobile device through the MindTap Mobile App! Make and review flashcards, review related content, and track your scores within the Progress App - all in one place and at an affordable price! your learning from memorization to mastery with MindTap.

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Chief Truths of the Faith May 26 2021 Fr. John Laux's deeply penetrating and concise book, Chief Truths of the Faith, presents readers with a mature and thorough understanding of the Catholic Faith. Concepts covered include the nature and attributes of God, the nature and origin of humanity, the Immaculate Conception, hypostatic union, sanctifying and actual grace, the resurrection of the dead, and more. Although originally written as a high school study guide, college students and adults alike will have a thorough grounding on all major points of faith in order to achieve salvation for self and others. Recommended for 9th-grade students enrolled in TAN Academy.

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