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ancient Near East as a
framework, author
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Christians. He treats
every book of the
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attention to its

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historical context, its
particular genre, and
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methodology but also
introduces readers to
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and worldwide
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**the historical
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the Goddess, and
the
internationalization
of gurus in the U.S.
in the twentieth**

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**century. Nine
essays profile
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biographies of these
remarkable women
while highlighting
overarching issues
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concerning women's
status as religious
leaders; these
themes are nuanced
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and what is false.
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clear, practical appli
cations—including
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strategies—this band
of Mama Bears
offers you tools to
train yourself, so
you can turn around**

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independence to
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an expanding
number of citizens
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to win political
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practices of the
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**takes up arms to
resist the
Chinese invasion
of Tibet - then
spends the rest
of his life
trying to atone
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by hand printing
the best prayer
flags in India.
A Jain nun tests
her powers of
detachment as**

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she watches her
best friend
ritually starve
herself to
death. Nine
people, nine
lives; each one
taking a
different
religious path,
each one an
unforgettable
story. William
Dalrymple delves

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deep into the
heart of a
nation torn
between the
relentless
onslaught of
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traditions that
endure to this
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have both
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This book addresses several dimensions of religious revelation. These include its occurrence in various religious traditions, its different forms, its elaborations, how it has been understood by Western theologians, and

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differing views of revelation's ontological status. It has been remarked that revelation is most at home in theistic traditions, and this book gives each of the three Abrahamic traditions — Judaism, Christianity, and Islam — its own chapter. Revelation, however, is not limited to

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theistic traditions;
forms found in
Buddhism and
nondevotional
(nontheistic) Hinduism
are also explored. In
the book's final
chapter a particularly
significant form of
religious revelation is
identified and
examined: pervasive
revelation. The
theistic manifestation

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of this form of revelation, pervasive in the sense that it may occurs in all the domains or dimensions of human existence, is shown to be richly represented in the Psalms, where God's presence may be found in the heavens, in the growing of grass, and in one's daily going

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Pervasive revelation
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also shown to be
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The anthology is also available in two volumes: Scriptures of The East contains sacred writings of Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Confucianism,

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Taoism, Shinto, and indigenous religions of the East; Scriptures of The West contains sacred writings of Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, the Baha'i faith, and indigenous religions of the West. This book presents an engaging analysis of the global spiritual changes of the first

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choice would be the
"Age of Awakening",
since it places more
emphasis upon the
personal, internal
dimension of religious
experience lying at
the core of these
developments.

Earthshattering
spiritual encounters
with the sacred led
the prophets and
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Awakening to redirect people's attention away from the stagnant traditions of the past towards new forms of dynamic spirituality. The era saw the emergence of a variety of innovative spiritual pathways in both the eastern and western worlds. In classical Greece, Pythagoras and Plato

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proposed new
spiritual and
intellectual
alternatives to the
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myths and rituals of
the polis. The Middle
East also played a
significant role in the
spiritual revolution of
the first millennium
BCE. As early as the
sixth century BCE, the
Persian prophet

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Zoroaster's revelatory
visions about the

Truth and the Lie led
to the birth of a new
religious movement
known as

Zoroastrianism. At the
time of the Babylonian
Exile, ancient

Judaism underwent a
process of radical
spiritual renewal
largely due to the
inspired teachings of

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the Hebrew prophets.
In India, the writers of
the Upanishads
provided a spiritual
reinterpretation of
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myths and rituals.
Sages including the
Buddha and Mahavira
rejected the old
sacrificial system of
the brahmins and
asserted that
liberation from the

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cycle of birth and death could only be found through the practice of asceticism and a general withdrawal from the illusory material world. As such, this book highlights the importance of the destabilizing influences of religious experience for understanding the

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developments of the
first millennium BCE.

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religious epiphanies in
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appearance of God, a
god or a goddess, or
a manifestation of the
divine or religious
reality as received in
human experience.
Drawing upon the
scriptures of various

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act of

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the favoured modern
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with which the
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to tackle the
phenomenon of
religious pluralism, as
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in an electronically
shrinking globe
comes to be
increasingly
characterised by this
phenomenon. To

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begin with, the concept of religious freedom, as embodied in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, seems self-evident in nature. It is the claim of this book, however, that although emblematic on the one hand, the concept is also problematic on the

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other, and the implications of the concept of religious freedom are far from self-evident, despite the ready acceptance the term receives as embodying a worthwhile goal. This book therefore problematizes the concept along legal, constitutional, ethical and theological lines,

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