

World Religions Western Traditions

Ideal for courses in Western religions, Religions of the West Today, Fourth Edition will cover the same material as the Western chapters of the authors' longer textbook, World Religions Today, Sixth Edition. Revealing the significance of religion in contemporary life, it explores major Western religious traditions - Judaism, Christianity, Islam - as well as indigenous religions, and new religions as dynamic, ongoing forces in the lives of individuals and in the collective experience of modern societies. This unique volume accomplishes two goals: it connects today's religions to their classical beliefs and practices and focuses on how these religions have both radically changed the modern world and been changed by it. Thoroughly revised, the fourth edition features streamlined content for greater accessibility; updated material on recent world events; and updated timelines.

The diversity of the world's religions has come to the West, but believers are often ill-equipped for any kind of serious engagement with non-Christians. In Encountering World Religions, professor and author Irving Hexham introduces all the world's major religious traditions in a brief and understandable way. Hexham outlines key beliefs and practices in each religion, while also providing guidance on how to think critically about them from the standpoint of Christian theology. African, yogic, and Abrahamic traditions are all covered. Accessible and clear, Encountering World Religions will provide formal and lay

students alike with a useful Christian introduction to the major faiths of our world. Why has the Chinese government sometimes allowed and sometimes repressed nationalist, anti-foreign protests? What have been the international consequences of these choices? Anti-American demonstrations were permitted in 1999 but repressed in 2001 during two crises in US-China relations. Anti-Japanese protests were tolerated in 1985, 2005, and 2012 but banned in 1990 and 1996. Protests over Taiwan, the issue of greatest concern to Chinese nationalists, have never been allowed. To explain this variation in China's response to nationalist mobilization, Powerful Patriots argues that Chinese and other authoritarian leaders weigh both diplomatic and domestic incentives to allow and repress nationalist protests. Autocrats may not face electoral constraints, but anti-foreign protests provide an alternative mechanism by which authoritarian leaders can reveal their vulnerability to public pressure. Because nationalist protests are costly to repress and may turn against the government, allowing protests demonstrates resolve and increases the domestic cost of diplomatic concessions. Repressing protests, by contrast, sends a credible signal of reassurance, facilitating diplomatic flexibility and signaling a willingness to spend domestic political capital for the sake of international cooperation. To illustrate the logic, the book traces the effect of domestic and diplomatic factors in China's management of nationalist protest in the post-Mao era (1978-2012) and the consequences for China's foreign relations. Provides the first extensive collection of traditional and academic Jewish approaches to

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the religions of the world, focusing on those Jewish thinkers that actually encounter the other world religions -that is, it moves beyond the theory of inclusive/exclusive/pluralistic categories and looks at Judaism's interactions with other faiths.

Outlines and Highlights for World Religions

A Concise Introduction to World Religions

Nationalist Protest in China's Foreign Relations

Scriptures of the World's Religions

Eastern Religions

The Culture of Connectivity

This masterful survey of world religions presents a clear and concise portrait of the history, beliefs, and practices of Eastern and Western religions. The new edition contains added material and has been revised throughout. The authors, both respected scholars of world religions, have over fifty years of combined teaching experience. Their book is accessibly written for introductory classes, can be easily adapted for one- or two-semester courses, and presents a neutral approach for broad classroom use. Pedagogical aids include further reading suggestions, photographs, sidebars, and pronunciation guides. An 800-question bank of multiple-choice test questions is

available to professors through Baker Academic's Textbook eSources. Original publication and copyright date: 2011.

With ANTHOLOGY OF WORLD SCRIPTURES, 9th Edition your students 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. They will 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. Most introductory textbooks talk about world religions; this anthology lets them speak for themselves. This anthology presents scripture readings in context, showing students how each religion is actually practiced today, as well as introducing its history, teachings, organization, ethics, and rituals. These selections are supported by introductions, study questions, glossaries, extensive footnotes, timelines, scriptural charts, 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.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." So opens the Gospel of John, an ancient text translated into almost every language, at once a compelling and beguiling metaphor for the Christian story of the Beginning. To further complicate matters, the words we read now are in any number of languages that would have been unknown or unrecognizable at the time of their composition. The gospel may have been originally dictated or written in Aramaic, but our only written source for the story is in Greek. Today, as your average American reader of the New Testament picks up his or her Bible off the shelf, the phrase as it appears has been translated from various linguistic intermediaries before its current manifestation in modern English. How to understand these words then, when so many other translators, languages, and cultures have exercised some level of influence on them? Christian tradition is not unique in facing this problem. All religions--if they have global aspirations--have to change in order to spread their influence, and often language has been the most powerful agent thereof. Passwords to Paradise explores the effects that language difference and language conversion have wrought on

the world's great faiths, spanning more than two thousand years. It is an original and intriguing perspective on the history of religion by a master linguistic historian.

World Religions

For Love of Country

Problems of Suffering in Religions of the World

The Book of Enlightened Masters

Encountering World Religions

The Kids Book of World Religions

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

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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.

Based on the best-selling *World Religions: Eastern Traditions* and *World Religions: Western Traditions*, *A Concise Introduction to World Religions*, Fourth Edition, is ideal for single-semester courses. Renowned contributors trace the origins and evolution of the major traditions, explain their essential teachings, outline their practices, and examine their interactions with modern culture and society, while insightful introductory and concluding essays suggest countless avenues for further reflection and study.

A magisterial history, ranging from antiquity to the present, that reveals anti-Judaism to be a mode of thought deeply embedded in the Western tradition. There is a widespread tendency to regard anti-Judaism - whether expressed in a casual remark or implemented through pogrom or extermination campaign - as somehow exceptional: an unfortunate indicator of personal prejudice or the shocking outcome of an extremist ideology married to power. But, as David Nirenberg argues in this ground-breaking study, to confine anti-Judaism to the margins of our culture is to be dangerously complacent. Anti-Judaism is not an irrational closet in the vast edifice of Western thought, but rather one of the basic tools with which that edifice was constructed.

This contributed volume examines in detail the major Western religious traditions, namely

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Judaism, Zoroastrianism, Christianity, Islam, and religions of the ancient world. The text traces each tradition in depth from its origins, through its development, to the religion's meaning and practice in today's society. Comprehensive and accessible, the new third edition offers a thorough and engaging introduction to the Western faiths.

Tradition, Challenge, and Change with Free World Religions PowerWeb

Religion and Human Rights

Animals and World Religions

Anti-Judaism

Western Traditions by Oxtoby, ISBN

Eastern Traditions

A comparative general study of the problems of suffering as treated by Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Marxism, Hinduism and Buddhism.

Based on the best-selling two-volume *World Religions: Eastern and Western Traditions*, this concise text traces the origins and evolution of the major religious traditions, explains their essential teachings, outlines their practices, and examines their interactions with modern culture and society, while insightful introductory and concluding essays suggest avenues for further reflection and study.

A Concise Introduction to World Religions, second edition, is a contributed volume that examines the development of major global faith traditions and movements. Based on

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the best-selling two-volume set *World Religions: Eastern and World Religions: Western Traditions*, this text explores the origins, central teachings, divisions and branches, rituals and practices, influences on culture, and responses to modern challenges for each tradition in an accessible and engaging style.

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A Concise Introduction

Introducing Daoism

12 Major World Religions

A Critical History of Social Media

The A-to-Z Encyclopedia of All the Major Religious Traditions

A Christian Introduction

Authored by distinguished scholars of religion writing in their areas of specialty, PATTERNS OF RELIGION examines key religious traditions around the world, from the ancient origins of religion to contemporary religious movements. Expertly written and organized, this text offers unparalleled flexibility for instructors. Each chapter explores the history, beliefs, practices, and contemporary perspectives for a major religious tradition. This unified chapter structure helps to emphasize the patterns that link diverse religious traditions. The readings at the end of chapters include selections from scriptures and other important texts, eliminating the need for a separate scripture anthology. Now in full color, the supporting maps, photographs, chronologies, glossaries, and tables help contextualize each tradition and encourage further inquiry.

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For use as a core text for introductory and upper-level courses in Western religions and Introduction to World Religions courses. Can also be used as supplemental reading for individual religion courses. Living Religions Western Traditions is a highly readable and stimulating survey of the major global religions and new religious movements that originated in the West. The social context, origins, teachers, scriptures, and historical development of each faith are carefully explored, with emphasis on how practitioners themselves understand their traditions. Evocative illustrations, first-person interviews of ordinary people and boxes uncovering the spiritual roots of public figures bring this text to life.

In addition to abridging the contents of the two best-selling World Religions volumes (Eastern Traditions and Western Traditions), contributors to this concise-volume text have reworked the original material to focus on six specific areas of analysis: the major origins of the movement; the crystallization of its teachings; the major divisions within the tradition; how adherents practice their faith; cultural expressions; and how the tradition has responded to the various changes - intellectual, social, technological - of modern times. This more structural approach will make it easier for students to compare and contrast traditions, resulting in a solid, well-rounded introduction to the study of world religions.

Now in its fifth edition, this engaging, contributed survey of religions in the Western world - namely Judaism, Christianity, Islam, ancient religions, Indigenous traditions, and new religious movements - explores each tradition in depth from its origins, through its development, to the religion's meaning and practice in contemporary

society.

An Introduction

Patterns of Religion

How Languages Have Re-invented World Religions

The Psychology of World Religions and Spiritualities

Encountering Christianity, Islam, and Eastern Traditions

Western Traditions

World Religions: Canadian Perspectives--Eastern Traditions provides students with a solid introduction to the study of world religions and highlights how Canadians have both experienced and shaped these religions. This text covers areas traditionally considered to be foundational, while also including material to address contemporary concerns. By addressing both the historical and the current impacts of religion, students come to learn how, in our increasingly globalized world, religions intersect and influence each other.

Surveys "the rise of Western (mostly American) teachers who fill the role of guru or master ... [and] explains who the masters are, who influenced them, what they teach, what their personalities and personal lives are like, and the strange adventures that many of them have experienced."--Back cover.

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.

The twenty-first century began with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Much has been written and debated on the relationship between faith and violence, with acts of terror at the forefront. However, the twentieth century also gave rise to many successful nonviolent protest movements. Nonviolence in the World's Religions introduces the reader to the complex relationship between religion and nonviolence. Each of the essays delves into the contemporary and historical expressions of the world's major religious traditions in relation to nonviolence. Contributors explore the literary and theological foundations of a tradition's justification of nonviolence; the ways that nonviolence has come to expression in its beliefs, symbols, rituals, and other practices; and the evidence of nonviolence in its historic and present responses to conflict and warfare. The meanings of both religion and nonviolence are explored through engagement

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with nonviolence in Hindu, Buddhist, Chinese, Sikh, Jewish, Christian, Islamic, Jain, and Pacific Island religious traditions. This is the ideal introduction to the relationship between religion and violence for undergraduate students, as well as for those in related fields, such as religious studies, peace and conflict studies, area studies, sociology, political science, and history.

Powerful Patriots

Judaism and World Religions

Living Religions - Western Traditions

An Indigenous Perspective

A Guide to the Essentials

Experiencing the World's Religions

Never HIGHLIGHT a Book Again! Virtually all of the testable terms, concepts, persons, places, and events from the textbook are included. Cram101 Just the FACTS101 studyguides give all of the outlines, highlights, notes, and quizzes for your textbook with optional online comprehensive practice tests. Only Cram101 is Textbook Specific. Accompany: 9780195415209 .

A new and expanded edition of a highly successful textbook on world religions with a comparative approach which explores how six major religions are lived and expressed through their customs, rituals and everyday practices. A new edition of this major textbook, exploring the world's great religions through their customs,

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rituals and everyday practices by focusing on the 'lived experience' This comparative study is enriched and broadened with the inclusion of a sixth religion, Daoism Takes a thematic, comparative and practical approach; each chapter explores a series of key themes including birth, death, ethics, and worship across all six religions at each time Broadens students' understanding by offering an impartial discussion of the similarities and differences between each religion Includes an increased range of student-friendly features, designed to allow students to engage with each religion and extend their understanding An illustrated introduction to five of the great religious traditions of the world examines the principles, practices, tenets, and history of Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, Confucianism, and Shinto, in a detailed study designed to help those in the West who wish to move closer to the spirit of the East. Original. 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.

Canadian Perspectives - Eastern Traditions

The Beliefs, Rituals, and Traditions of Humanity's Most Influential Faiths

An Essay On Patriotism and Nationalism

World Religions in Practice

Understanding World Religions

Religions of the West Today

This anthology of scriptures from the world ' s living religions offers selections that vary in

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length from a few paragraphs to 10 pages, accompanied by brief introductions that discuss the nature and scope of scripture within each religion as well as the history of each scripture presented. The anthology is also available in two volumes: *Scriptures of The East* contains sacred writings of Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Confucianism, 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 second edition of *World Religions: Western Traditions* examines in detail the major Western religious traditions: Judaism, Zoroastrianism, Christianity, and Islam. Each tradition is explored in depth from its origins, through its development, to the religion's meaning and practice in today's society.

An introduction to the religious traditions of South Asian and East Asian origin, including the Aboriginal traditions of Asia and the Pacific. The historical development of each religious tradition is outlined and issues on which adherents have differed among themselves are identified.

World Religions: Western Traditions is a wide-ranging and thought-provoking survey that recognizes the diverse traditions behind the monolithic labels of the major Western faiths. For each set of traditions, a specialist explores not only origins, central teachings, divisions and branches, and rituals and practices, but also cultural interactions and responses to modern challenges. Accessible and engaging, this contributed volume is widely considered to be the

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definitive introduction to the subject.
An Interdisciplinary Approach
A Comparative Introduction
HarperCollins Concise Guide to World Religions

Passwords to Paradise

Origins, Beliefs, Practices, Holy Texts, Sacred Places

Experiencing the World's Religions is a leading seller because it successfully addresses what a person should know about religions, and why. Michael Molloy provides an exceptionally clear and compelling account of the teaching of the world's religions. The text covers all the essential material and goes beyond traditional approaches to personally connect students with the vitality of the great religions.

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.

Nationalism and patriotism are two of the most powerful forces shaping world

history. Though seen by many as two sides of the same coin, they have developed widely different connotations. Nationalism is increasingly seen as destructive, and at the root of the world's bloodiest conflicts; patriotism seems something more benign, a political virtue. How are we to mark the distinction between these two phenomena? How can we rescue patriotism from the tainted grasp of nationalism? Reconstructing the historical the meaning of the terms, Maurizio Viroli shows how the two concepts have been used within specific cultural and ideological contexts. He reviews the political thought of Italy, England, and Germany and shows how patriotism and nationalism have fundamentally different roots. Professor Viroli concludes that it is morally unacceptable, and indeed unnecessary, to be a nationalist to defend the values that nationalists hold dear. Patriotism, however, is a valuable source of civic responsibility.

Social media penetrate our lives: Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and many other platforms define daily habits of communication and creative production. This book studies the rise of social media, providing both a historical and a critical analysis of the emergence of major platforms in the context of a rapidly changing ecosystem of connective media. Author José van Dijck offers an analytical prism that can be used to view techno-cultural as well as socio-economic aspects of this transformation as well as to examine shared ideological principles between

major social media platforms. This fascinating study will appeal to all readers interested in social media.

Western Teachers in Eastern Traditions

Nonviolence in the World's Religions

The Oxford Handbook of Global Religions

Anthology of World Scriptures

This compendium of introductory essays invites scholars and clinicians to better understand people of various faiths from around the world. It is intended to correct the tendency among scientists to study religious behavior without accounting for its human dimension. For example: a psychologist describes a religious ceremony in a certain community as a "sociological phenomenon." Such a technical description is likely to strike members of that community as an attempt by science to explain away their beliefs. This is counterproductive. In order to work effectively and empathetically with people of faith, psychologists should seek an intimate knowledge of how religion operates in the hearts and minds of living, breathing human beings. With this goal in mind, editors Timothy Sisemore and Joshua Knabb have made one of the world's major religions the subject of a separate chapter. In addition, they have arranged for each

chapter to be written by a psychologist who practices—or is culturally connected with—that religion. This marks the book’s unique contribution to the field: it is the product of people who have lived the world’s religions, not merely studied them. By taking such a respectful approach, the book promotes an appreciation for the ways that religious belief animates, inspires, and instructs its adherents. Moreover, the indigenous point-of-view of these essays will help scholars identify their own biases when researching religious groups, allowing them to produce more accurate and holistic analyses. Psychologists understand that religion and spirituality provide meaning and purpose to billions of people around the globe. But the actual experience of these beliefs eludes the grasp of the reductionistic methods of science. With this resource at their side, psychologists in academic and clinical settings will be equipped to understand religious experience from the bottom-up, and honor the beliefs and practices of the people they are trying to help.

The relationship between religion and human rights is both complex and inextricable. While most of the world's religions have supported violence, repression, and prejudice, each has also played a crucial role in the modern struggle for universal human rights. Most importantly, religions

provide the essential sources and scales of dignity and responsibility, shame and respect, restraint and regret, restitution and reconciliation that a human rights regime needs to survive and flourish in any culture. This volume provides authoritative examinations of the contributions to human rights of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Confucianism, Buddhism, and indigenous religions. Each chapter grapples with the concept and origins of "human rights," and offers insight into the major human rights issues that confront religious individuals and communities. These include core issues of freedom of religious conscience, choice, exercise, expression, association, morality, and self-determination. They also include analysis of the roles of religious ideas and institutions in the cultivation and abridgement of rights of women, children, and minorities, and rights to peace, orderly development, and protection of nature and the environment. With contributions by a score of leading experts, Religion and Human Rights provides authoritative and accessible assessments of the contributions of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Confucianism, Buddhism, and Indigenous religionsto the development of the ideas and institutions of human rights. It also probes the major human rights issues that confront religious individuals and communities around the world

today, and the main challenges that the world's religions will pose to the human rights regime in the future.

The definitive dictionary of the world's religions, compiled by two of the 20th century's most distinguished religion scholars. This highly accessible resource distills Mircea Eliade's lifework of detailing and comparing humanity's entire religious heritage, providing fascinating insights into the character and worldview of the 33 principal religions. Including Buddhism, Christianity, Jainism, Judaism, Islam, Shinto, Shamanism, Taoism, South American religions, Baltic and Slavic religions, Confucianism, and the religions of Africa and Oceania, The HarperCollins Concise Guide to World Religions covers all kinds of religious figures, histories, sacred texts, mythologies, and mystical techniques.