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Primary Source Readings in World Religions 2009 primary source readings in world religions provides your students with the opportunity to read foundational texts from the major world religions through understanding other religions we can create an atmosphere of genuine respect and honest discussion in doing this we can respond to the invitation pope benedict xvi extended to all of us when he said i encourage all religious groups in america to persevere in their collaboration and thus enrich public life with the spiritual values that motivate your action in the world from benedict xvi meeting with representatives of other religions in primary source readings in world religions you will find portions of the foundational texts and teachings of a wide variety of world religions including islam shinto confucianism sikhism judaism hinduism

taoism christianity and buddhism

Religions in the Modern World 2003-09-02 this comprehensive guide offers an unrivalled introduction to recent work in the study of religion from the religious traditions of asia and the west to new forms of religion and spirituality such as new age with an historical introduction to each religion and detailed analysis of its place in the modern world religions in the modern world is ideal for newcomers to the study of religion it incorporates case studies and anecdotes text extracts chapter menus and end of chapter summaries glossaries and annotated further reading sections topics covered include religion colonialism and postcolonialism religious nationalism women and religion religion and globalization religion and authority the rise of new spiritualities

The Illustrated World's Religions 1995-08-18 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

'For Their Rock is not as Our Rock' 2015-05-08 the reality of our post christendom post colonial post holocaust post 9 11 multi ethnic and multicultural context has meant that more than ever christians are acutely aware of the questions posed not simply by the existence of other religions but also by their apparent flourishing if secularization is still alive and well then seemingly so too is society s sacralization hence the theology of religions is arguably the issue for mission in the twenty first century however there has been little evangelical theology that offers a detailed comprehensive and biblically faithful analysis that deals with not only the question of salvation but also questions of truth the nature and history of human religiosity and a host of practical issues pertaining to apologetics and contextualization in this ambitious interdisciplinary study which synthesizes close exegesis biblical theology systematics and insights from the social sciences daniel strange examines the origins development and idolatry of the religious other and explores how the gospel of jesus christ is its subversive fulfilment he concludes with a missiological postscript and some pastoral perspectives on the purpose of other religions in god s providence

World Religions and Cults Volume 3 2016-11-30 this final book in the series focuses on the atheistic or humanistic type of religions it would be one of the most valuable for the church in the western world where anti god and pro evolution religions are beginning to explode for it was written to refute those religions and show how they fail unlike most books on world religions this title dives into the secular humanistic religions the book starts with god s word as the absolute authority in doing so god becomes our guide to refute false religions humanistic religions are all around us and we need to be able to spot their tenets and oppose them instead of allowing them to subtly infiltrate our christianity and undermine us from within we need to know how to refute these humanistic religions we need to know how to effectively present the gospel to people who have been deceived by humanistic religions

Choosing Our Religion 2016-03-01 to the dismay of religious leaders study after study has shown a steady decline in affiliation and identification with traditional religions in america by 2014 more than twenty percent of adults identified as unaffiliated up more than seven percent just since 2007 even more startling more than thirty percent of those under the age of thirty now identify as nones answering none when queried about their religious affiliation is america losing its religion or as more and more americans choose different spiritual paths are they changing what it means to be religious in the united states today in choosing our religion elizabeth drescher explores the diverse complex spiritual lives of nones across generations and across categories of self identification such as spiritual but not religious atheist agnostic humanist just spiritual and more drawing on more than one hundred interviews conducted across the united states drescher opens a window into the lives of a broad cross section of nones diverse with respect to age gender race sexual orientation and prior religious background she allows nones to speak eloquently for themselves illuminating the processes by which they became none the sources of information and inspiration that enrich their spiritual lives the practices they find spiritually meaningful how prayer functions in spiritual lives not centered on doctrinal belief how morals and values are shaped outside of institutional religions and how nones approach the spiritual development of their own children these compelling stories are deeply revealing about how religion is changing in america both for nones and for the religiously affiliated family friends and neighbors with whom their lives remain intertwined

Our Religions 1994-08-05 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

The Crisis of the Holy 2018-08-08 all the world s religions are experiencing rapid change due to a confluence of social and economic global forces factors such as the pervasive intrusion of globalizing political and economic developments polarized

and morally equivalent presentations seen in the media and the sense of surety demanded in and promised by a culture dominated by science are some of the factors that have placed extreme pressure on all religious traditions this has stimulated unprecedented responses by religious groups ranging from fundamentalism to the syncretistic search for meaning as religion takes on new forms the balance between individual and community is disrupted and reconfigured religions often lose the capacity to recall their ultimate purpose or lead their adherents toward it this is the situation we call the crisis of the holy it is a confluence of threats challenges and opportunities for all religions this volume explores the contours of pressures changes and transformations and reflects on how all our religions are changing by identifying commonalities across religions as they respond to these pressures the crisis of the holy recommends ways religious traditions might cope with these changes and how they might join forces in doing so contributors vincent j cornell alon goshen gottstein sidney h griffith maria reis habito b barry levy deepak sarma michael von brück

Does God Make a Difference? 2010-11-10 in this provocative book warren a nord argues that public schools and universities leave the vast majority of students religiously illiterate such education is not religiously neutral a matter of constitutional importance indeed it borders on secular indoctrination when measured against the requirements of a good liberal education and the demands of critical thinking nord also argues that religious perspectives must be included in courses that address morality and those big questions that a good education cannot ignore he outlines a variety of civic reasons for studying religion and argues that the establishment clause doesn't just permit but requires taking religion seriously while acknowledging the difficulty of taking religion seriously in schools and universities nord makes a cogent case for requiring both high school and undergraduate students to take a year long course in religious studies and for discussing religion in any course that deals with religiously controversial material the final chapters address how religion might best be addressed in history literature economics and perhaps most controversially science courses he also discusses bible courses and the relevance of religion to moral education and ethics courses while his position will be taken by some as radical he argues that he is advocating a middle way in our culture wars public schools and universities can neither promote religion nor ignore it does god make a difference increases our understanding of a long and heated cultural conflict it also proposes a solution to the problem that is philosophically sound and in the long run eminently practical

Gods in the Global Village 2012 in an era plagued by religious conflict the third edition of gods in the global village directly responds to issues of social problems prevalent in the world today using an engaging thought provoking style author lester r kurtz focuses on the relationship among the major faith traditions that inform the thinking and ethical standards of most

people in the emerging global social order this book focuses on a central aspect of that common crisis a major assumption of this book is that all knowledge is shaped by the social context of the knower therefore both religious traditions and our studies of them are shaped by the context in which we construct them the author argues that religious pluralism will be a necessary precondition of the global village for the foreseeable future the question that faces us as a human community is not which religious tradition is true or even is any religious tradition true but rather how can we enable the various religious and secular traditions to coexist peacefully on the planet the text supports the belief that the sociology of religion itself a pluralistic discipline can provide invaluable insight into the most pressing problems of our time

Eleven Great Religions of the World Today 2020-11-09 this book is a brief simplified presentation of eleven major world religions active today it is an objective study of the history beliefs sacred scripture festivals and population it is intended to supply knowledge without comparing the religions or attempting to convert anyone to any of them it is a book to further knowledge for understanding living religions and their cultures the contents are described according to the locations of their origins the middle far and near east the book is readable for youths and adults the book is very useful for students taking beginning courses in religion and religions this book is quickly readable without distracting references the importance of the eleven religions described in this book is noted in that they claim the membership of five of the seven billion people in our world

Religion, Its Functions in Human Life 1946 it is the purpose of this book to present religion as a normal product of man s conscious processes his desires his fears and especially his planning for future contingencies in order to understand the role a religion may or may not play in the civilization of the future it is necessary to understand the roles that the religions of the past from which religions of the present day have developed have played in the cultures of which they were integral parts only through the study of these roles is it possible to discover what religion really is this historical or genetic method is only one part of the full comparative method that is essential for a complete study of religion the other part of the comparative method is the comparison of religions that exist contemporaneously and which have little if any genetic relation to one another the religions of civilized peoples can be understood by tracing them back to their foundations in religions of ancient cultures from which our civilization developed this genetic method at least gives a primary understanding of the nature and functions of religion which suffices for the purpose of this volume the religions of civilized peoples having borrowed little from either the religions of present day savages or those of semicivilized peoples the full comparative method is not essential for our purposes that the psychological problems of religion are primarily problems for group psychology and that the

problems of personal religion are secondary in importance should be evident from the principle that is now generally accepted by scholars in the field of the history of religion this principle which is explained and illustrated in the text is that faith develops from ritual rather than ritual from faith

Myths of the Tribe 2014-10-08 myths of the tribe illustrates the negative historical impact of our major religions which have created unending conflicts that obscure clear thinking and continue hazardous to our health today more than two centuries after the age of reason culminated in the french revolution modern society still operates on the basis of assumptions and attitudes that originated in the ancient myths propagated by organized religion these myths hamper efforts to apply reason to our problems and foster violent conflicts that threaten global security myths of the tribe illustrates how the belief systems of all major religions have become a detriment to clear thinking rational conduct and wise public policy suggesting we substitute a rational analysis of all problems in the light of objective scientific evidence a system of ethics that allows complete individual liberty constrained only by the principle of harming no one else taking personal responsibility for one s own welfare and actions and the absence of government control over the pursuit of happiness as relevant today as it was when first published by prometheus books in 1993 myths of the tribe has been updated in its second edition with new data reflecting our views on religion and social mores in the twenty first century

12 Major World Religions 2016-08-30 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

Losing Our Religion 2010-04-27 the press has become a tool of oppression politicized self aware self motivated and power hungry in short these people can no longer be trusted from s e cupp s losing our religion it s time to wake up and smell the bias the go to commentator for such programs as fox news s hannity and cnn s larry king live and reliable sources s e cupp is just that a reliable source for the latest news trends and forecasts in young bright conservative america savvy and outspoken when shattering left leaning assumptions as she did in why you re wrong about the right cupp now takes on the most pressing threat to the values and beliefs held and practiced by the majority of americans the marginalizing of christianity by the flagrantly biased liberal media from her galvanizing introduction you know where s e cupp stands she s an atheist a non

believer which makes her the perfect impartial reporter from the trenches of a culture war dividing america and eroding the judeo christian values on which this country was founded starting at the top she exposes the unwitting courtship of president obama and the liberal press which consistently misreports or downplays obama s clear discomfort with or blatant disregard for religious america from covering up religious imagery in the backdrop of his georgetown university speech to his absence from events surrounding the national day of prayer to identifying america in his inaugural address as among other things a nation of non believers she likens the calculated attacks of the liberal media to a class war a revolution with a singular purpose to overthrow god and silence christian america for good and she sends out an urgent call for all americans to push back the leftist propaganda blitz striking on the internet radio television in films publishing and print journalism or invite the tyrannies of a mainstream media set on mocking our beliefs controlling our decisions and extinguishing our freedoms now discover the truth behind the war against christmas and how political correctness keeps the faithful under wraps the one sided analyses of prop 8 and the gay marriage debate the media pot shots at sarah palin s personal faith the politicization of entertainment mainstays such as american idol and the miss usa pageant and much more also included are her penetrating interviews with dinesh d souza martha zoller james t harris newt gingrich kevin madden and kevin williamson of national review delivering must read analyses of the latest stunning lowlights from the liberal media

Forgotten Truth 1992-10-09 this classic companion to the world s religions articulates the remarkable unity that underlies the world s religious traditions

The Pursuit of the Sacred 2016-03-03 globalization has taken the world by storm and has facilitated the unprecedented migrations of the peoples of this world whether we like it or not we will meet foreigners in our communities schools universities buses and other public places but when people migrate they take their religions with them if people of different religious traditions are to live side by side amicably interfaith dialogue becomes imperative but for people to be able to speak about their own religions with enlightenment and listen to other people s religious beliefs with respect they must have some basic knowledge of how faiths and believers operate because for some people religion is inseparably intertwined with their economics politics and everyday lives this book clearly and concisely introduces religious studies to the reader it makes a strong case for the quest and study of world religions and explores the challenges controversies and methodological issues in the study of religions it also explores other pertinent religious issues such as beliefs rituals myths sacredness morality the problem of evil and interreligious dialogue although written from a classroom perspective this book can be useful to any reader who would like to acquire knowledge of religious issues

Beliefs that Changed the World 2015-08-06 religious beliefs have shaped the history of the world their effect can be seen in culture philosophy and politics and they have inspired people to serve others and to create great works of art architecture and music yet differences in belief can cause bloodshed and war never before has it been more urgent to understand the great religions if we are to make sense of our 21st century world its achievements and its conflicts this new revised edition of beliefs that changed the world tells the story of the major faiths from their earliest beginnings to their present day impact

Women Saints in World Religions 2021-12-26 women saints in world religions deepens our understanding of the concept of sainthood brings to light original material and presents the first comparative analysis of female sainthood using original sources previously unavailable in english the book describes the lives of figures considered saintly in world religions including judaism christianity islam hinduism buddhism and taoism the implications of this material for the concept of sainthood and for women saints as a cross cultural category are examined

Religion is Not about God 2005 in a study of religious and spiritual tradition the author of *ayythia* and by the grace of guile contends that religion is a series of strategies to influence human nature so that people may think feel and act in ways that are good for them both individually and collectively

Mexican American Religions 2008-07-08 a multidisciplinary collection of essays examining the influence of mexican american religion on mexican american literature art politics and popular culture

Time, Religion and History 2014-06-11 what is time how does our sense of time lead us to approach the world how did the peoples of the past view time this book answers these questions through an investigation of the cultures of time in christianity islam buddhism judaism and the australian dreamtime it argues that our contemporary world is blind as to the significance and complexity of time preferring to believe that time is natural and unchanging this is of critical importance to historians since the base matter of their study is time yet there is almost no theoretical literature on time in history this book offers the first detailed historiographical study of the centrality of time to human cultures it sets out the complex ways in which ideas of time developed in the major world religions and the manner in which such conceptions led people both to live in ways very different to our contemporary world and to make very different kinds of histories it goes on to argue that modern scientific descriptions of time such as einstein s theory of relativity lie much closer to the complex understandings of time in religions such as christianity than they do to our common sense notions of time which are centred on progress through a past present and future

Books of God 2022-01-03 there are 4 4 billion christians muslims and jews living on planet earth imagine if they were united

in how their interests are represented in world affairs books of god examines the remarkably common truths of the three great abrahamic religions of judaism christianity and islam and proposes a way forward for these great religions to come together and assert themselves as a united front in the global order by being united these three great religions can work alongside our governments and commercial enterprises to solve many of the world s problems including hunger poverty racial and gender inequality injustice and environmental degradation in the process god and living godly will become a more significant part of the fabric of our daily lives and how world affairs are conducted with us and not without us

Alternative Religions 2017-11-01 title first published in 2003 alternative religions attract great public academic and government interest in our apparently post christian society yet how did all the alternatives develop what are their beliefs and practices and how significant is their impact in terms of the world s religions and society this book presents a comprehensive introduction to the major forms of alternative religions cults sects new religious movements the new age fundamentalism pentecostalism ethnic religions and quasi religions stephen hunt presents sociological insights into the rise of alternative religions their beliefs and practices their impact who joins them and how they are being classified and could be re classified in the future public and legal controversies surrounding some alternative religions such as the so called dangerous cults are also explored this book offers students insights into contemporary themes such as secularisation post modernity links between religion healing and and changes in our global culture

What's the Big Deal About Other Religions? 2008-03-01 authors john ankerberg and dillon burroughs continue their exciting what s the big deal series with concise informative answers to the many questions people are asking about the major religious groups in the world the groups in this book are so widespread that readers are likely to encounter their followers in their own neighborhoods schools and workplaces which makes it important to understand what they believe and why included in this volume are islam judaism buddhism hinduism mormonism and the jehovah s witnesses and for each group readers will discover the origins and history the key teachings and leaders the major writings the traditions and special observances how they differ from christianity ankerberg and burroughs are masterful at focusing on the key essentials readers need to know and they include many exclusive interviews with experts as well as numerous fascinating insights all of which makes for compelling reading

Russell on Religion 1999 bertrand russell s religious convictions were controversial and one of his best selling titles is why i am not a christian this is a comprehensive and coherent survey of russell on religion with notes for students

A User's Guide to Our Present World 2021-04-14 the reader is about to embark on a journey of discovery and perhaps even

reckoning religion and science have been understood as inherently at odds and inimical toward each other however both employ metaphor religion when it calls the spirit descending upon jesus a dove science when it describes electrons as a current flowing through a wire for only fluids flow and electrons are not a fluid both use myths some religions in the sense that there was a golden age of humans in a garden science when it promises unlimited progress both enlist hypothetical entities some religions when a storm heralds that the gods are angry science with the existence of a vacuum and a frictionless surface and each bears its fundamentalist contingent just observe a debate between creationists and evolutionists and the zeal and fervor with which the bible and darwin must be defended at any cost no matter what given all this it becomes readily apparent that religion and science display more in common than was once expected and that is precisely what is in peril in the following pages our expectations may the intrepid traveler benefit from the voyage

The Psychology of Religious Behaviour, Belief and Experience 1997 the psychology of religious behaviour belief and experience is the most comprehensive survey available of theories and research on religion from the perspective of psychology religious belief is never evenly distributed and is correlated with such variables as social background gender and personality characteristics beit hallahmi and argyle use findings in these areas to test numerous explanations of the origins and functions of religion in human culture they also consider social consequences of religiosity religious experience religious attitudes the effect of religion on health the acquisition of beliefs conversion and the benefits or otherwise of religion their main conclusion is that religiosity is first and foremost social and is learned like other kinds of social acts benjamin beit hallahmi and michael argyle are renowned for their clear analytical approach and this new state of the art study of psychology and religion is no exception it will be welcomed as an update to their previous work in the area by social psychologists sociologists and theologians worldwide

Muslim, Christian, Jew 2012-06-01 a major challenge for people of faith is to resist the growing demonization of islam christianity and judaism i want to do something to build bridges between the three religions i feel called to embody in my own life the healing the reconciliation the unity i long for between people of different religions art gish became involved in the life and worship of all three religions he considered himself a christian a muslim and a jew and worked at integrating those three perspectives into his life acknowledging that judaism islam and christianity are all threatened by narrow minded violent extremists who put the particular interests of their own people above our common interests he tells inspiring stories of open minded muslims jews and christians who struggle together for reconciliation and who confront injustices that spawn hostility gish looks not only at the disagreements but also at the unity of the three abrahamic faiths he writes when people

cross boundaries exciting things happen each time in israel palestine that i experience jews muslims and christians eating working laughing and crying together i sense a foretaste of the coming kingdom of god a demonstration of how things could be and one day will be

World Religions 2003 the major religions of the world are a mystery to many high school teens now you can help them unlock the doors of these traditions with our new text world religions a voyage of discovery the book is an introductory survey that helps eleventh and twelfth graders understand the people dimensions and religious principles of the world's major religions the textbook includes a chapter on each of eleven major world religions including christianity islam hinduism buddhism judaism and others the text offers the catholic perspective on interreligious dialogue an overview of basic questions that religions address and ninian smart's seven dimensions of religion a glossary and word pronunciations in each chapter help students learn unfamiliar terms in addition the second edition of this text incorporates the following new features a new chapter on modern trends in religion new more detailed maps a new section on the aztec religion of mesoamerica a sidebar in each chapter offering examples of the seven dimensions of religion and review questions at the end of each chapter

A History of Religion in 51/2 Objects 2014-03-11 a leading scholar explores the importance of physical objects and sensory experience in the practice of religion humans are needy we need things objects keepsakes stuff tokens knickknacks bits and pieces junk and treasure we carry special objects in our pockets and purses and place them on shelves in our homes and offices as commonplace as these objects are they can also be extraordinary as they allow us to connect with the world beyond our skin a history of religion in 5½ objects takes a fresh and much needed approach to the study of that contentious yet vital area of human culture religion arguing that religion must be understood in the first instance as deriving from rudimentary human experiences from lived embodied practices s Brent Plate asks us to put aside for the moment questions of belief and abstract ideas instead beginning with the desirous incomplete human body symbolically evoked by ½ he asks us to focus on five ordinary types of objects stones incense drums crosses and bread with which we connect in our pursuit of religious meaning and fulfillment as plate considers each of these objects he explores how the world's religious traditions have put each of them to different uses throughout the millennia we learn why incense is used by hindus at a celebration of the goddess durga in banaras by muslims at a wedding ceremony in west africa and by roman catholics at a mass in upstate new york crosses are key not only to christianity but to many native american traditions in the symbolic mythology of peru's misminay community cruciform imagery stands for the general outlay of the cosmos and stones in the form of cairns grave

markers and monuments are connected with places of memory across the world a history of religion in 5½ objects is a celebration of the materiality of religious life plate moves our understanding of religion away from the current obsessions with god fundamentalism and science and toward the rich depths of this world this body these things religion it turns out has as much to do with our bodies as our beliefs maybe even more from the hardcover edition

Exploring the Religions of Our World 2009-03-01 expands students understanding of their own religious history and practice by examining other religions of the world each religion is introduced with a brief history and explored through each religion s scripture or major writings beliefs and practices and sacred spaces and times

Exploring the Religions of Our World 2008 exploring the religions of our world allows students to build on their understanding and experience of the catholic christian faith by studying different religious traditions the text begins with a study of judeo christian history practice and tradition before expanding to the study of other less familiar religions including islam hinduism buddhism taoism confucianism and shintoism the text moves on to uncover a variety of religious traditions that sprang from america s protestant roots including mormonism jehovah s witnesses and the church of christ scientist each chapter begins with an introduction that connects each religion to a contemporary person practice or teaching a brief history follows including information on the founder and other major figures in each respective religion other sections include those on scripture or major writings beliefs and practices and sacred places and sacred times each chapter ends with a catholic apologetic focus and includes a look at ecumenical or interreligious dialogue between the catholic church and each particular religion similarities and distinctions in doctrines traditions and practices are also explored this text was written in accordance with the u s bishops curriculum framework and follows elective e ecumenical and interreligious issues

Crossing the Threshold of Hope 2013-07-31 a great international bestseller the book in which on the eve of the millennium pope john paul ii brings to an accessible level the profoundest theological concerns of our lives he goes to the heart of his personal beliefs and speaks with passion about the existence of god about the dignity of man about pain suffering and evil about eternal life and the meaning of salvation about hope about the relationship of christianity to other faiths and that of catholicism to other branches of the christian faith with the humility and generosity of spirit for which he is known john paul ii speaks directly and forthrightly to all people his message be not afraid

The World's Religions 1992 with a new preface this completely revised and updated version of the religions of man explores the essential elements and teachings of the world s predominant faiths including hinduism buddhism confucianism taoism islam judaism christianity and the native traditions of the americas australia africa and oceania the author emphasizes the

inner rather than institutional dimensions of these religions and gives special attention to zen tibetan buddhism sufism and the teachings of jesus he conveys the unique appeal and gifts of each of the traditions and reveals their hold on the human heart and imagination

The Monotheists: Jews, Christians, and Muslims in Conflict and Competition, Volume II 2005-08-14 the world's three great monotheistic religions have spent most of their historical careers in conflict or competition with each other and yet in fact they sprung from the same spiritual roots and have been nurtured in the same historical soil this book an extraordinarily comprehensive and approachable comparative introduction to these religions seeks not so much to demonstrate the truth of this thesis as to illustrate it frank peters one of the world's foremost experts on the monotheistic faiths takes judaism christianity and islam and after briefly tracing the roots of each places them side by side to show both their similarities and their differences volume i the peoples of god tells the story of the foundation and formation of the three monotheistic communities of their visible historical presence volume ii the words and will of god is devoted to their inner life the spirit that animates and regulates them peters takes us to where these religions live their scriptures laws institutions and intentions how each seeks to worship god and achieve salvation and how they deal with their own orthodox and heterodox and with others the goyim the pagans the infidels throughout he measures but never judges one religion against the other the prose is supple the method rigorous this is a remarkably cohesive informative and accessible narrative reflecting a lifetime of study by a single recognized authority in all three fields the monotheists is a magisterial comparison for students and general readers as well as scholars of the parties to one of the most troubling issues of today the fierce sometimes productive and often destructive competition among the world's monotheists the siblings called jews christians and muslims

Religion Gone Astray 2011 expanding on the conversation started with their first book the interfaith amigos a pastor a rabbi and an imam probe more deeply into the problem aspects of our religious institutions to provide a profound understanding of the nature of what divides us

My Peace Plan all religions must stop and take a look at their core beliefs and venture into uncharted territory to find true peace on earth religions of men are not providing adherents with life changing results they are instead taking and investing the proceeds from alms and taxes into the one world religion of money it is through this one world religion that the divisiveness of every sect that supposedly respects and honors god battles over dogma and practices my recently published findings show that ancient prophetic sources point to this era as the end times as this is the end times of the epoch of war deception and greed gripping the world since the dawn of recorded history the earth and the people of the earth are being

prepared for the coming epoch of peace truth and altruistic lovingkindness with that in mind it becomes exceedingly clear that peace cannot be waged in the temple church mosque or halls of government peace must be waged free of the constraints of religions and governance in favor of the pure adoration of god my peace plan explains that the core of all major religions is the same in an attempt to end the delusional divisiveness of war that we have been under for most of our existence through this new understanding of ancient religious texts this common core is central to learn war no more and create lasting peace on earth the core of all world religions contain the same ideals as they are communications by archangels the leaders of the various sects create infighting based upon dogma and interpretation of their sacred texts the tanakh new testament and the quran are all three in a line of communication explaining what these end times are about each communication attempted to bring the simple traits of peace truth and altruistic lovingkindness into the world yet each was corrupted by the ego of man these religions of men are only delusions that corrupt the true religion in the heavens there is no religion only the adoration of god the inhabitants of the earth are within the heavens god is all around you within you and always with you look to the east look to the west there you will see the face of god from within the tanakh new testament quran and bhagavad gita my peace plan explains that all is of god is god and is god s in a new understanding of the one who is god for all god is not just a word that the world religions should use as a banner of divisiveness and war but instead it is an understanding that should bring us all together in one community so that we may end this epoch of war deception and greed and move into the new everlasting epoch of peace truth and altruistic lovingkindness the earth and all inhabitants therein are enclosed in a bubble of light and love of the one by removing the delusions of our separation the people of the earth can join hands and create a new world for all generations of our family we are one family within the one we call god consistent with the core of all world religions my peace plan is for all people to create peace in their lives and in the greater community of the world given by the disposition of archangels this knowledge of one will change your life and your thinking of the divine forever my peace plan recognizes that no matter what our differences might be we are all brothers and sisters in a dysfunctional family we have to break free of this dysfunction and hold hands together sending a message to the current regimes that we no longer wish to live within the war deception and greed that they preach we must all embrace and create peace truth and altruistic lovingkindness in every moment we breath it must start with everyone making the choice in their life to drop the current delusions of money religion and government one by one we can create new systems of religious thought and governance that support life on this planet rather than destroy it

Thinking About Religious Pluralism 2015-12-01 we live an era of globalization and the world s religious traditions are

deeply impacted throughout the world an increased awareness about and access to the world's religions whether through modern media human encounter or education raises new questions how should we think about different traditions what do they mean how should christians respond this book is about how to interpret the fact of many religions concentrating on what we call the world religions for this has been the focus of most of the theological debate over the past fifty years or so it aims to equip christian thinkers with a positive affirming understanding of religious diversity and to help christians articulate the meaning of this diversity in the real world the result for the reader is comfort curiosity and engagement in future meetings with members of other traditions along with lowered anxiety and deepened understanding of the marvelous diversity of human religious

The Rise of Christianity Through the Eyes of Gibbon, Harnack and Rodney Stark 2010 the rise of christianity up to the victory of constantine has often been studied and remains a puzzling phenomenon in this valedictory lecture jan n bremmer concentrates on the explanations adduced focusing in particular on the works of three iconic figures from the last two hundred and fifty years the history of the decline and fall of the roman empire of edward gibbon the most famous ancient historian of all time at the end of the eighteenth century die mission und ausbreitung des christentums of adolf von harnack the greatest historian of early christianity of all time around 1900 and the rise of christianity of rodney stark the most adventurous sociologist of religion of our times at the end of the twentieth century bremmer locates their concerns and explanations within their own times but also takes them seriously as scholars discussing their analyses and approaches in this way he shows both the continuities and the innovations in the evolving view which scholarship presents of early christianity bremmer's exceptional knowledge of the huge range of scholarship and his humane and balanced judgment make this lecture the ideal introduction to the many problems raised by christianity's displacement of paganism

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