

World Religions And Cults 101 A Guide To Spiritual Beliefs Christianity 101

This balanced textbook looks at emerging religions through the lenses of history, psychology, sociology, law, theology, and counseling. The Second Edition is updated throughout and includes a new foreword by J. Gordon Melton.

Presents overviews of the astrologies of the world's religions, discussing how various cultures have used celestial observations and beliefs about the heavens to engage with the divine and understand their lives on Earth.

End of Days: An Encyclopedia of the Apocalypse in World Religions describes apocalyptic writings in the world's major religious traditions, including Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. The cross-referenced entries address ancient traditions--Zoroastrianism, as one example--as well as modern apocalyptic movements, such as Arun Shinrikyo, the Branch Davidians, and the Order of the Solar Temple. This book's broad scope offers coverage of overlooked traditions, such as Mayan Apocalyptic, Norse Apocalyptic, Native American eschatological literatures, and the Tibetan Book of the Dead. Readers seeking detailed information on the eschatological and apocalyptic movements and proponents of End Times can reference entries about individuals such as Harold Camping, Jerry Falwell, David Koresh of the Branch Davidians, and James Jones and the People's Temple. This single-volume encyclopedia also contains numerous historical entries on subjects such as the Great Disappointment, the Great Awakening periods of religious revival, Joachim of Flora, the Maccabean Revolt, and the Plymouth Brethren. The influence of apocalyptic ideas far outside the realm of religion itself is documented through entries on film, including well-known modern movies such as The Hunger Games and Apocalypse Now, literature by writers such as Dante, and works of fine art like Wagner's Gotterdammerung. The inclusion of entries related to literature, film, and other art forms further attests to the wide-ranging social influence of belief in the end of days.

Why are there so many religions? Do they basically teach the same thing? Bruce and Stan address these questions and more as they take a close look at some of the world's major religions and belief systems. From Islam to Jehovah's Witnesses and from New Age Spirituality to Atheism, Darwinism, and Naturalism, World Religions and Cults 101 features-- key teachings of each religion quick-glance belief charts brief biographies of leaders study questions for group or individual use suggested reading Readers will also discover why spiritual searching is universal, how each religion compares to Christianity, the characteristics of cults, and what makes Christianity unique. Formerly titled Bruce & Stan's(R) Guide to Cults, Religions, and Spiritual Beliefs

Traditional Chinese edition of Beyond religion: Ethics for a whole world by His Holiness Dalai Lama.

Passing for what you are not—whether it is mulattos passing as white, Jews

passing as Christian, or drag queens passing as women—can be a method of protection or self-defense. But it can also be a uniquely pleasurable experience, one that trades on the erotics of secrecy and revelation. It is precisely passing's radical playfulness, the way it asks us to reconsider our assumptions and forces our most cherished fantasies of identity to self-destruct, that is centrally addressed in *Passing: Identity and Interpretation in Sexuality, Race, and Religion*. Identity in Western culture is largely structured around visibility, whether in the service of science (Victorian physiognomy), psychoanalysis (Lacan's mirror stage), or philosophy (the Panopticon). As such, it is charged with anxieties regarding classification and social demarcation. Passing wreaks havoc with accepted systems of social recognition and cultural intelligibility, blurring the carefully-marked lines of race, gender, and class. Bringing together theories of passing across a host of disciplines—from critical race theory and lesbian and gay studies, to literary theory and religious studies—*Passing* complicates our current understanding of the visual and categories of identity. Contributors: Michael Bronski, Karen McCarthy Brown, Bradley Epps, Judith Halberstam, Peter Hitchcock, Daniel Itzkovitz, Patrick O'Malley, Miriam Peskowitz, María C. Sánchez Linda Schlossberg, and Sharon Ullman.

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.

The first of its kind, this book contains 3,816 references to the music and dance of the world's religions, large and small, tribal, regional, and global.

Bickel and Jantz, the coauthor team of the Christianity 101 series, share their answers to more than 200 questions posed to them about life and living the Christian faith.

The *Encyclopedia of Religious and Spiritual Development* is the first reference work to focus on the developmental process of religion and spirituality across the human life span. Spiritual development is an important part of human development that has links to identity development, moral development, and civic engagement. This innovative *Encyclopedia* offers insight into the characteristics of people and their contexts that interact to influence religious and spiritual development over time. Editors Elizabeth M. Dowling and W. George Scarlett provide readers with glimpses into the religious and spiritual developmental trajectories of people from all over the world, from many different religious and spiritual backgrounds.

Provides information about the symbols, rituals, art, and history of religions around the world.

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This unique handbook maps the growing field of consumer psychology in its increasingly global context. With contributions from over 70 scholars across four continents, the book reflects the cross-cultural and multidisciplinary character of the field. Chapters relate the key consumer concepts to the progressive globalization of markets in which consumers act and consumption takes place. The book is divided into seven sections, offering a truly comprehensive reference work that covers: The historical foundations of the discipline and the rise of globalization The role of cognition and multisensory perception in consumers' judgements The social self, identity and well-being, including their relation to advertising Social and cultural influences on consumption, including politics and religion Decision making, attitudes and behaviorally based research Sustainable consumption and the role of branding The particularities of online settings in framing and affecting behavior The Routledge International Handbook of Consumer Psychology will be essential reading for anyone interested in how the perceptions, feelings and values of consumers interact with the decisions they make in relation to products and services in a global context. It will also be key reading for students and researchers across psychology and marketing, as well as professionals interested in a deeper understanding of the field.

Free. Unearned. A gift. God's acceptance comes with no strings attached as you trust in His Son, Jesus. This is the whole gospel. But for 2000 years, Christians-including the first-century Galatians-have often believed they must add performance requirements to the gospel in order to truly earn God's approval. Listen in as the apostle Paul blows the lid off this selfdeception by explaining...: why the Good News becomes bad news when you mix it with rules, how to sniff out people who are promoting a false, "rules-added" gospel, why adding requirements to God's grace actually subtracts from your enjoying Christ, why trust is the only thing needed to receive God's grace and live in it day to day, Galatians shows you that life in God's Spirit, through His grace, is still His plan for freedom-so you can live out your full potential as His child. Book jacket.

Cults and false religions are dangerous. They preach a false gospel and lead people into a false spirituality. Their victims are kept blinded from the true gospel of Christ while they are held in bondage to whatever false belief system and legalistic practices they must maintain. Major Cults and False World Religions reveals several key characteristics that makes them unbiblical. It exposes several major cults and false religions that have the majority of the world's population deceived and headed for Hell. This book is the result of thirty-four years of evangelism work, studying comparative religions, and apologetic research and debate. It will equip you with a basic understanding of what each group believes and how to clearly discern and refute many of their unscriptural teachings and attacks.

De acordo com um estudo recente, 43% dos americanos acreditam que todas as religiões pregam os mesmos ensinamentos e 40% dos cristãos "nascidos de novo" acreditam que cristãos e muçulmanos adoram o mesmo Deus. Alguns até acreditam no falso ensinamento do universalismo – o qual prega que, por fim, todos vão para o céu. Em meio à confusão espiritual que vivemos hoje, precisamos de uma nova expressão da verdade! Autores best sellings, Sean McDowell e Stan Jantz, convidam você a saírem juntos Em Busca de Deus! Nessa busca, eles apresentam seis "sinalizações" que irão guiar você ao longo de sua jornada espiritual. As sinalizações contêm poderosas verdades e evidências sobre assuntos como Deus, a criação, a

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Bíblia, a identidade de Jesus, o problema do sofrimento e o caminho para o céu. Em Busca de Deus ajudará você a explorar a verdade do cristianismo de uma forma fascinante, relevante e fácil de entender. Não importa em que lugar nos encontramos em nossa jornada espiritual, Em Busca de Deus nos ajudará a desvelar essas verdades transformadoras. Ainda, a jornada Em Busca de Deus não se trata apenas de descobrir a verdade e depois seguir em frente na vida, mas de seguir o Criador do universo e descobrir o amor, a paz e o propósito de se ter um relacionamento com Ele. VOCÊ ESTÁ PRONTO PARA AVENTURAR-SE? SIGA A PRINCIPAL BUSCA PARA A VERDADE ESPIRITUAL

In this volume, a group of senior NRM scholars who have been instrumental in the development of the field offer essays that present the basics of NRM scholarship along with guidance for teachers on classroom use.

The Subcommittee on the Catechism (formerly the Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism), has judged that the text falls outside the scope of the types of materials they review for conformity to the Catechism.* The third edition of this highly acclaimed text continues to help young people unlock the doors to 11 of the world's major religious traditions. Updated references highlighting recent events in the history of the traditions, 50 new images, and revised chapter on Sikhism help eleventh and twelfth graders understand the people, dimensions, and religious principles of the world's major religions. *The Subcommittee on the Catechism reviews only materials which are catechetical in nature and which teach the beliefs, practices, and doctrine of the Catholic Faith. World Religions falls outside the scope of the types of materials the Committee reviews. This text outlines the basic beliefs and practices of the major religions of the world, taking a comparative approach, as do most texts on this topic, to identify the distinctive elements of the various religions.

This trio of volumes contains essays that explore vital existential, moral, or metaphysical issues surrounding the relationship between the sciences and the world's religions.

This book features a number of different articles and essays that focus on women as active agents of their spiritual lives—a topic that is often overlooked in most other world religion books. It explores how women from many parts of the world have thought about, acted, and have been treated as members of a religious tradition. Investigates how women of a variety of religious traditions (e.g., Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, etc.) practice their religion, how their beliefs differ from men, and how they have carved out their own place within their religious tradition. For anyone interested in how women are shaped by and how they shape the various world religions.

First published in 1990. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

This study of the conversion of tribal peoples to Christianity combines case studies with the contributors' theories, challenging anthropologists and sociologists to reassess the varieties of religious experience and the convergent processes involved in religious change.

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

It was the year of the Lord 1685. With only the clothes they were dressed in, their Bibles hidden in loaves of hollowed bread, they fled before the French Catholic authorities. "Die or be Catholic!" were shouted by the heartless "dragonnades"—with emphasis on the "die." And when the second word followed, the Protestant Huguenot victims were already struck—dying, brutally slaughtered in the name of Catholic Christianity! This terror swept through Paris, continued through the rest of France, after King Louis XIV revoked the Edict of Nantes proclaimed by his grandfather, King Henry the Great of France. This bloody highway in the name of Christianity took thousands of Huguenots' lives and hundreds of thousands fled their country of birth to find refuge in America, other parts of Europe, and also South Africa. In South Africa, they started anew, with their God (of Israel) and their Bibles, and the home and the

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freedom to serve their God they so longed for and found would become a nightmare again. With their blood, they paid for freedom, twice; and today they are still dying, slaughtered by the criminal elements that rule in South Africa, unfortunately, in the entire Africa.

Sustainability is now key to international and national policy, manufacture and consumption. It is also central to many individuals who try to lead environmentally ethical lives. Historically, religion has been a significant part of many visions of sustainability. Pragmatically, the inclusion of religious values in conservation and development efforts has facilitated relationships between people with different value structures. Despite this, little attention has been paid to the interdependence of sustainability and religion, and no significant comparisons of religious and secular sustainability advocacy. Religion and Sustainability presents the first broad analysis of the spiritual dimensions of sustainability-oriented social movements.

Exploring the similarities and differences between the conceptions of sustainability held by religious, interfaith and secular organizations, the book analyses how religious practice and discourse have impacted on political ideology and process.

Sharot (sociology, Ben-Gurion U. of the Negev) focuses on the differences and interrelationships between religious elites and lay masses. He presents several relevant concepts and theories including a model of religious action based on the work of Max Weber, and a discussion of elites and masses as represented in Weber's comparison of world religions. Coverage encompasses religious action in world religions; Brahmins, Renouncers, and Hinduism in India; Buddhism and Animism in Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia; traditional Catholicism in Europe; Islam and Judaism; Protestants, Catholics and the reform of popular religion; and a comparison of religious elites and popular religions. c. Book News Inc.

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

Christianity & Culture: A Christian Perspective on Worldview Development is a historical, scriptural, and comprehensive examination of the dynamics in secular and Christian education in light of the current cultural philosophy. With transformative, stimulating and revolutionary principles, this book challenges Christians to integrate Judeo-Christian values in an atheistic and pluralistic society. If you have been inundated by humanistic, liberal and secular indoctrination, the redemptive solutions in this book will ensoul the tools necessary to produce a Christian worldview. It will impart a commanding sense of purpose, passion, and appreciation for the teaching profession. Christianity & Culture will enable you to ... [Deepen and broaden your understanding of the core presuppositions of the Christian faith [Effectively face the challenges

presented by a hostile world [Take heed to your God-given mandate to influence this world for Christ [Build, stimulate and develop a biblical and theocentric worldview of education [Assume your responsibility as a steward of the mysteries of God [Discover the dynamics of an education that is Christian A practical teacher, minister, college professor, author, speaker, counselor and husband, is the president and founder of Higher Call Ministries International, a multi-faceted ministry with its headquarter in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. William Valmyr is a graduate of Nova Southeastern University (B.S., M.S. and ED.S.), Knox Theological Seminary (M.A.), and South Florida Theological Seminary (Ph.D.), and is a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) candidate at Oral Roberts University. He is a member of the Evangelical Training Association and a member of the American Counseling Association. He serves as Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Fort Lauderdale. His careful research and study over many years has resulted in this scholarly work on Religious Education, Spiritual Formation, Christianity and worldviews in higher education.

This encyclopedia provides numerous entries covering world religions including gods and other holy figures, concepts, historical figures, places, rites, and festivals. Entries cover major and less prominent religions around the world, describing their histories, tenets, customs, and world views. Readers will view entries that describe the lives of fifty significant figures in the histories of various religions. Also presented are excerpts from eighteen religious writings, speeches, and sacred texts.

Examines the entire spectrum of family violence, focusing on social processes and social relationships. The seventh edition of *Family Violence: Legal, Medical, and Social Perspectives* by Harvey Wallace and Cliff Roberson is a comprehensive introduction to the study of family violence that guides readers to a better understanding of the challenges involved in reducing or eliminating violence. The six major topics are: domestic partner abuse, child abuse, elder abuse, physical and psychological abuse, identifying when abuse occurs, and discussing the effects of the various types of abuse or violence. Learning Goals Upon completing this book, readers will be able to: -Understand the facets of family violence. -Discuss how violence may be reduced or eliminated. -Identify how each major type of abuse impacts the social and law enforcement agencies that are involved.

Two abundantly illustrated volumes offer a vibrant discussion of how the divine is and has been represented in art and architecture the world over. • 200 illustrations, including floor plans of churches, synagogues, and temples bring the discussions of art and architecture to life • An extensive bibliography enables further research

Truitt balances the Old Testament with the New Testament outworking to bring the whole topic of who man is into a contemporary, Bible-based understanding. Authors John Ankerberg and Dillon Burroughs continue their exciting *What's the Big Deal?* series with concise, informative answers to the many questions people

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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.

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Basic facts about the major religions of the world are given with special emphasis on comparisons with Judaism.

An indispensable resource for exploring food and faith, this two-volume set offers information on food-related religious beliefs, customs, and practices from around the world. • Provides up-to-date factual information, introduces concepts of food as being more than just nutrients, and enables an understanding of diverse religious traditions and the importance of food in people's lives • Includes coverage of less well-known rituals and religions that are often skipped in world religion texts • Presents material in a way that is accessible to readers without previous exposure to, or command of, sociological or anthropological language and concepts

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