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This wide-ranging reader combines some of the best and most valuable contemporary perspectives from leading and significant writers, teachers, and thinkers who together address critical challenges and opportunities for the world's religions in a post 9/11 world. Edited by Arvind Sharma and organized by topic, the essays in this reader consider broad questions such as, What influence does religion have on contemporary life? The thematic arrangement of topics includes diverse religious perspectives on: war, terror, peace,

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human rights, pluralism, diversity, gender, spirituality, the interreligious dialogue, international diplomacy and globalization.

Providing a comprehensive exploration of the teachings and beliefs of the world's living faiths, the third edition of this popular book has been revised and updated to reflect the vibrant role religion plays in the twenty-first century.

The World Religions Reader:

Explores the unique nature of various faiths by introducing their traditions and rituals, ethical dimensions, and modern

expressions Combines excerpts from sacred texts with reflections from a range of classic and contemporary thinkers - from the Bhagavad Gita and the Qur'an to

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Maimonides and Martin Luther King, Jr. Significantly expands material on Christianity, with a greater emphasis on the diversity of the tradition as expressed in Orthodoxy, Catholicism, and Protestantism Broadens its coverage with new chapters on Emerging Religions, Jainism, Zoroastrianism and Indigenous Religions Considers the profound impact of 9/11 on the major religions and the effect it has had on our perceptions of others, and on interfaith communication Includes numerous reader-friendly features, such as key terms sections, summary reviews of major beliefs and significant events, a glossary, and revision and comparative questions. This work seeks to answer

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questions about the great religious traditions in the contemporary age. It focuses upon those religions that continue to demand the attention of the Western world. Following an introduction on the philosophy of religion, attention is focused on Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam which are religions that have had (and probably continue to have) the greatest number of followers in Western society. In addition to the lasting impact that religion has had in society, we are witnesses to the development of secularism on the one hand and the revival of religious sentiment on the other, thus chapters on modernity, postmodernism, and 'fundamentalism' have also been included. The distinctive feature of

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the book is its modern feel. Each chapter brings the reader up-to-date with recent developments and commentaries upon recent religious thought, theology and religious-political movements. Moreover, the length of the chapters permits a detailed analysis which is so often lacking in books on world religions. This book offers a unique perspective on September 11 and our world after this tragic event, sharing lessons from an Asian religious experience that can help heal a world troubled by religious conflicts and deepening divisions, and promote a positive global transformation.

One World, Many Religions
Thinking About Religion After
September 11

The World's Religions, Revised and

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Updated

A Beginner's Guide to the 7 Major World Religions

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

Religion Matters

The tensions we experience in the aftermath of 9/11 stem from a lack of basic knowledge. This was tragically evident September 15, 2001, when Balbir Singh Sodhi, a Sikh, was killed by a man so ignorant that he thought all Muslims were responsible for the 9/11 attacks and that anyone wearing a turban was Muslim. This survey of today's major religions explores our

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diversity in hopes of helping us find our way to greater unity, and provides the knowledge we need to live in harmony. Understanding other religions and their similarities to our own enhances our sense of belonging and expands our sense of global community, allowing us to join together to face our collective future. Religion may kindle conflict, but it can also help diminish our sense of difference, expand our view of life, and enrich our personal experience through touching the experience of the billions of people of different faiths

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with whom we share our planet.

This leading textbook for world religion is designed to help students in their study and research of the world's religious traditions. Known and valued for its balanced approach and its respected board of consulting editors, this text addresses ways to study religion, provides broad coverage of diverse religions, and offers an arresting layout with rich illustrations.

Introductory sections on understanding religion and the religions of antiquity lay the foundation for the study of the

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numerous religious traditions highlighted in the volume, including indigenous religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, and Chinese, Korean, and Japanese religions. The user-friendly content is enhanced by charts of religious festivals, historic timelines, updated maps of the world's religions, and a useful glossary. Both historical overviews and modern perspectives for each religion are included. This third edition has several updates, including a new design, a new section on

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women and religion, and a newly revised section on religions in today's world.

This magisterial Norton Anthology, edited by world-renowned scholars, offers a portable library of more than 1,000 primary texts from the world's major religions. To help readers encounter strikingly unfamiliar texts with pleasure; accessible introductions, headnotes, annotations, pronouncing glossaries, maps, illustrations and chronologies are provided. For readers of any

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religion or none, The Norton Anthology of World Religions opens new worlds that, as Miles writes, invite us "to see others with a measure of openness, empathy, and good will..."

Unprecedented in scope and approach, The Norton Anthology of World Religions: Christianity brings together over 150 texts from the Apostolic Era to the New Millennium. The volume features Jack Miles's illuminating General Introduction—"How the West Learned to Compare

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***Religions”—as well as
Lawrence S. Cunningham’s
“The Words and the Word
Made Flesh,” a lively primer on
the history and core tenets of
Christianity.***

***The renowned Christian
preacher and New York Times
bestselling author of An Altar
in the World recounts her
moving discoveries of finding
the sacred in unexpected
places while teaching world
religions to undergraduates in
Baptist-saturated rural
Georgia, revealing how God
delights in confounding our
expectations. Christians are***

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taught that God is everywhere--a tenet that is central to Barbara Brown Taylor's life and faith. In Holy Envy, she continues her spiritual journey, contemplating the myriad ways she encountered God while exploring other faiths with her students in the classroom, and on field trips to diverse places of worship. Both she and her students ponder how the knowledge and insights they have gained raise important questions about belief, and explore how different practices relate to their own faith. Inspired by

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this intellectual and spiritual quest, Barbara turns once again to the Bible for guidance, to see what secrets lay buried there. Throughout Holy Envy, Barbara weaves together stories from her classroom with reflections on how her own spiritual journey has been challenged and renewed by connecting with people of other traditions--and by meeting God in them. At the heart of her odyssey is her trust that it is God who pushes her beyond her comfortable boundaries and calls us to "disown" our privatised versions of the divine--a

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change that ultimately deepens her relationship with both the world and with God, and ours.

Who Believes What?

A Concise Introduction

Norton Anthology of World Religions

The World's Religions After September 11

Experiencing the World's Religions

World Religions

An information-packed and visually rich introduction to five major world religions and cultural practices

In this indispensable reference tool for parents, students, and

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pastors alike, Larson analyzes dozens of world religions and spiritual movements from Islam to UFOs, New Age movements to witchcraft. This volume helps address tough questions from a biblical perspective.

It is tempting to regard the perpetrators of the September 11th terrorist attacks as evil incarnate. But their motives, as Bruce Lincoln 's acclaimed Holy Terrors makes clear, were profoundly and intensely religious. Thus what we need after the events of 9/11, Lincoln argues, is greater clarity about what we take religion to be. Holy Terrors begins with a gripping

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dissection of the instruction manual given to each of the 9/11 hijackers. In their evocation of passages from the Quran, we learn how the terrorists justified acts of destruction and mass murder “ in the name of God, the most merciful, the most compassionate. ” Lincoln then offers a provocative comparison of President Bush ’ s October 7, 2001 speech announcing U.S. military action in Afghanistan alongside the videotaped speech released by Osama bin Laden just a few hours later. As Lincoln authoritatively demonstrates, a close analysis of the rhetoric

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used by leaders as different as George W. Bush and Osama bin Laden—as well as Mohamed Atta and even Jerry Falwell—betrays startling similarities. These commonalities have considerable implications for our understanding of religion and its interrelationships with politics and culture in a postcolonial world, implications that Lincoln draws out with skill and sensitivity. With a chapter new to this edition, “Theses on Religion and Violence,” *Holy Terrors* remains one of the essential books on September 11 and a classic study on the character of religion.

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“ Modernity has ended twice: in its Marxist form in 1989 Berlin, and in its liberal form on September 11, 2001. In order to understand such major historical changes we need both large-scale and focused analyses—a combination seldom to be found in one volume. But here Bruce Lincoln . . . has given us just such a mix of discrete and large-picture analysis. ” —Stephen Healey, *Christian Century*

“ From time to time there appears a work . . . that serves to focus the wide-ranging, often contentious discussion of religion ’ s significance within broader cultural dynamics.

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Bruce Lincoln ' s Holy Terrors is one such text. . . . Anyone still struggling toward a more nuanced comprehension of 9/11 would do well to spend time with this book. ” —Theodore Pulcini, Middle East Journal

Understanding the where of the world's religious traditions is an important component of understanding the what. Now, as part of a brand-new series of atlas resources, Fortress Press is pleased to offer an affordable, compact yet comprehensive atlas of world religions. Atlas of World Religions is newly built from the ground up. Featuring more than fifty new maps,

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graphics, and timelines, the atlas is an immensely helpful companion to any study of world religions. Concise, helpful text written by acknowledged authorities guides the experience and interprets the visuals. Consciously written for students at any level, the volume is perfect for independent students, as well as those in structured courses. The atlas provides ample and equal coverage of all of the world's major religious traditions, as well as generous coverage of regional or indigenous traditions in specific regions of the world. The atlas is grounded in a

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helpful section on the earliest humans and the spread of the first organized religions, and it culminates in up-to-date maps of religion in the world today.

The Cumulative Book Index

A Contemporary Reader

Finding God in the faith of others

Major World Religions

Holy Envy

The definitive dictionary of the world's religions, compiled by two of the 20th century's most distinguished religion scholars. This highly accessible resource distils Mircea Eliade's lifework of detailing and comparing humanity's entire religious heritage, providing fascinating insights into the character and worldview of the 33

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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. Horrible religious violence has marked the opening of the 21st century, but can the world's religions work together as a force for good? Dozens of experts in religion examine the meaning of religion in the aftermath of September 11 and answer this question.

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addresses ways to study religion, provides broad coverage of diverse religions, and offers an arresting layout with rich illustrations. The second edition has new and extended primary source readings, a stronger section on the Religions of South Asia, additional maps, a new full-color, student-friendly format, and more. Now in its third edition, this is the most comprehensive work available on the rich variety of paths available to today's spiritual seekers. More than an academic reference, it explores how religions can collaborate to help the world. Essays exploring the realm of building an interfaith community add to the book's detailed portraits of the major religious traditions. The Sourcebook also contains essays on spiritual practices as diverse as theosophy, wicca, and indigenous religions. This revised edition of the Sourcebook offers an unparalleled look at where spirituality is

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headed in the coming millennium.

From Ancient History to the Present

Flames of Faith

Understanding Each Other After 9-11

Questions and Answers for Humanity's

Oldest and Largest Faiths

Counterfeits of Christianity

Atlas of World Religions

Religions in today's culture seem to be multiplying. Have you ever wondered why certain religions believe and practice what they do? Or how they view the Bible? This volume delves into these and other engaging questions, such as: How can a Christian witness to people in these religions? Do these other religions believe in creation and a Creator? How do we deal with these religions from a biblical authority

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perspective? Many religions and cults discussed in this first volume openly affirm that the Bible is true, but then something gets in their way. And there is a common factor every time—man's fallible opinions. In one way or another the Bible gets demoted, reinterpreted, or completely ignored. Man's ideas are used to throw the Bible's clear teaching out the window while false teachings are promoted. This book is a must for laymen, church leaders, teachers, and students to understand the trends in our culture and around the world where certain religions dominate, helping you discern truth and guard your faith. When you understand a religion's

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origins and teachings, you are in a better position to know how to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ as you take the good news to those in false religions.

Religions of the World Pearson Education

Looks at the history and beliefs of ancient and modern religions, including Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

Compares the varied religious practices from around the world, and includes the history, forms, and politics of each religion

Exploring the World's Major Religions

Sourcebook of the World's Religions

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The Ways We Worship

The World's Religions after September 11 [4 volumes]

Explore the Beliefs, Traditions, and Cultures of Ancient and Modern Religions

12 Major World Religions

Learn everything you need to know about the central practices, important figures, and key teachings of many different religions. Each of the major faiths - including Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism and Islam - is examined in detail through its sacred texts, epic imagery, key beliefs and religious artefacts. Entries also explore other faiths from Zoroastrianism - the oldest "living" religion - to the alternative beliefs of the modern

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era - all of which are set into the context of the political, social, and cultural climates from which they emerged. Compelling and accessible, *World Religions* is the perfect guide for students of religious study, or anyone interested in the ideas of ancient and present day faiths and religious philosophies.

Looks at the various religions in the United States and how they shape American life.

An illustrated introduction to comparative religion, discussing Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism.

For billions of people, having a religious belief system provides purpose in life. For some, religion serves as a guide for moral

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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.

**Introduction to World Religions
What Everyone Should Know about the Religions of the World
Asian Perspectives on the World's**

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**Religions after September 11
World Religions and Cults Volume
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An Introduction

The Book of Religions

Convening on the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, the global congress The World's Religions after September 11 explored the negative and positive possibilities of the religious dimensions of life. The presentations from the congress have been pulled together in this set, which addresses religion's intersection with human rights, spirituality, science, healing, the media, international diplomacy,

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globalization, war and peace, and more. This comprehensive set includes contributions from such well-known scholars of religion as Arvind Sharma and a host of others from all the world's religious traditions. This set is an unprecedented examination of religion's influence on modern life, an honest assessment of how religion can either destroy us or preserve us, and a thorough exploration of what steps might be necessary for all religions to join together as a force for good. Because of the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, the very concept

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The Interfaith Dimension 4. Spirituality.

Backstreet Boys were the biggest band in the world for a short while and that period is documented on their first hits compilation, 2001's The Hits: Chapter One. Twelve years later came Essential Backstreet Boys, a double-disc set that has all 13 songs from The Hits, along with another 16 songs -- generally, songs that came after 2001, when BSB started to slide down the charts. There were hits -- 2005's "Incomplete," 2007's "Inconsolable" -- that just showed up on the Adult Contemporary charts; a fair

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approximation of where the group wound up in their second decade. Essential Backstreet Boys traces this evolution, filling in a few more details of those early hit-making years, which makes this worthwhile for the dedicated fan, but many listeners may find either The Hits, or the variety of budget-line collections released since, to be a better bet as they contain the hits and nothing but. ~ Stephen Thomas Erlewine

What are religions and why do people follow them? Where did they come from and how have they shaped our lives? This interactive book answers all those questions

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and more! David G. McAfee and Chuck Harrison have once again teamed up to help everyone learn about beliefs, gods, and religions! It all started with The Belief Book, then continued with The Book of Gods, and now it's time to learn all about religions, even how to create one of your own. This fully illustrated and interactive Book of Religions is for readers and thinkers of all ages, including kids and kids at heart. Explains the basic beliefs, customs, and rituals of twelve different world religions, and includes information about tribal and

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***native religions of Africa,
North America, and
Australia.***

A Comparative History

Our Great Wisdom Traditions

Religions of the World

The A-to-Z Encyclopedia of

All the Major Religious

Traditions

Holy Terrors, Second Edition

An Interfaith Guide to

Religion and Spirituality

This volume contains a collection of essays that survey the various religions as they are practiced and represented in the United States, and also the religious world of various ethnic and national populations. Each of 14 chapters is devoted to a religious group or topic and

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written by a prominent scholar in the field of religious studies. The scholars provide factual data concerning each religion or topic, as well as their personal observations, opinions, and conclusions, giving the student not only a well-informed introduction to religions in America but also a sense that these religions are alive, active, and relevant to one's and the world's well-being. Of special interest are the chapters on religion and its relationship to women, politics, and society in general. Every chapter ends with study questions, essay topics, word explorations, and a further reading list.

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Provides an introduction to Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Islam, Judaism, Christianity, and the native traditions of the Americas, Australia, Africa, and Oceania

Your guide to understanding seven of the world's most prominent religions If you're interested in learning about world religions, this book is the place to start. Packed with informative fact sheets and answers to common questions, this beginner's guide fills you in on the most important aspects of each religion. You'll learn about fascinating histories, rituals, and festivals as you

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grow to better understand the belief systems that offer meaning and purpose to billions of people around the globe. This beginner's guide to major world religions features: Seven world religions--Discover the basic tenets and practices of Hinduism, Judaism, Taoism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, and Shikhism. Digestible snapshots--Learn key dates, major sects, primary texts, the most recognizable symbols, and everyday practices at a glance. A Q&A format--By presenting facts through questions and answers, this book uses a conversational tone that makes information easier to understand

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and remember. Build your knowledge of world religions with this beginner's guide. A religion is a system of stories, and there is no better way to engage with the world's religions than through the stories that animate their beliefs and practices. Through the exploration of these ancient stories and contemporary practices, Stephen Prothero, a New York Times bestselling author and gifted storyteller, helps students better grasp the role of religion in our fractured world and to develop greater religious literacy. Videos and an award-winning adaptive learning tool, InQuizitive, further engage

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students and help them master core objectives and develop their own religious literacy.

The Everything World's Religions Book

From Their Origins To The Present

Larson's Book of World Religions and Alternative Spirituality

~ Theœ Eleven Religions and the Proverbial Lore

World Religions in America Third Edition

The World's Religions, by beloved author and pioneering professor Huston Smith (Tales of Wonder), is the definitive classic for introducing the essential elements and teachings of the world's predominant faiths, including Hinduism, Buddhism,

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Confucianism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, as well as regional native traditions. This revised and updated edition provides sympathetic descriptions of the various traditions, explaining how they work “from the inside,” which is a big reason why this cherished classic has sold more than two million copies since it first appeared in 1958.

Conceived for students with little or no background in the academic study of religions, Religions of the World offers the most broad coverage of world religions supported by primary source documents, coverage of religions as they exist today, and integrated media resources. In preparing the eleventh edition of Religions of the World, Mark Woodward drew on his experience in teaching an introductory course on the religions of the world to thousands of

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undergraduates over the last two decades, living and working in Buddhist, Muslim and Chinese cultures for extended periods and on conversations with friends and colleagues in the Arizona Native American community. In this edition, he has edited the text closely for clarity and readability and made other changes to keep it up to date and accurate including updating all sections on religion today for each tradition. Religions of the World is comprehensive, readable, and engaging for all students.

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dogma and rituals, cultural convictions, and often-checkered backgrounds and histories of the world's religions.

A Comparative Study ; a Reference Book to the 11 Surviving Major Religions of the World

The World's Religions

A World Religions Reader

The Kids Book of World Religions

HarperCollins Concise Guide to World Religions

A Post Sept. 11th Guide to World Religions

A richly illustrated guide to the beliefs and practices of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism.

In its topic-by-topic approach this book is useful for school and home

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Dreaming in the World's
Religions
Christianity