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the skills students must bring to the study of religion in the twenty first century written in accessible prose suitable for undergraduates this introduction can be used to supplement any standard religion textbook explore a rigorous but accessible guide to contemporary approaches to the study of religion from leading voices in the field the wiley blackwell companion to the study of religion delivers an expert and insightful analysis of modern perspectives on the study of religion across the humanities and the social sciences presupposing no knowledge of the approaches examined in the collection the book is ideal for undergraduate students who have yet to undertake extensive study in the humanities or social sciences the book includes perspectives from those in fields as diverse as globalization cognitive science the study of emotion law esotericism sex and gender functionalism terror the comparative method modernism and postmodernism many of the topics covered in the book clearly hail from religious studies while others are grounded in other areas of academia all of the chapters contained within are written by recognized authors who show how their chosen discipline contributes to the understanding of the phenomenon of religion this book also includes topics like a comprehensive exploration of multiple approaches to religious study including anthropology economics literature phenomenology philosophy psychology sociology and theology a review of various topics germane to the study of religion including the study of the body cognitive science the comparative method death and the afterlife law magic music and myth a selection of subjects touching on modern trends in extremism and violence including chapters on terror and violence fundamentalism and nationalism a discussion of the influence of modernism and postmodernism in religion ideal for undergraduate graduate and postgraduate students in humanities and social science programs taking courses on religion and myth the 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combines a clear and non technical style of presentation with a structure and range of contributions which reflect the richness and complexity of religion itself of the religions of the world and the study of religions comprehensive index bibliographies and suggestions for further reading intriguing philosophical questions are raised about the nature of religion and the qualities needed for studying it times higher education supplement excellent book remarkably successful impressive as much for the sheer scale of the undertaking as for its consistent standard of analysis it is a fine achievement which will serve both as a very suitable textbook for students and a reliable guide to the state of

scholarship in the history and study of religions heythrop journal 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 in recent years there has been growing awareness across a range of academic disciplines of the value of exploring issues of religion and the sacred in relation to cultures of everyday life exploring religion and the sacred in a media age offers inter disciplinary perspectives drawing from theology religious studies media studies cultural studies film studies sociology and anthropology combining theoretical frameworks for the analysis of religion media and popular culture with focused international case studies of particular texts practices communities and audiences the authors examine topics such as media rituals marketing strategies empirical investigations of audience testimony and the influence of religion on music reality television and the internet both academically rigorous and of interest to a wider readership this book offers a wide range of fascinating explorations at the cutting edge of many contemporary debates in sociology religion and media including chapters on the way evangelical groups in america have made use of the da vinci code and on the influences of religion on british club culture and electronic dance music introducing students to engaging and contemporary topics such as sociology of religion psychology of religion history of religion religion and art religious ethics popular religion and religion and violence this book continues to be fundamental reading for those approaching this subject area for the first time world religions today is the only book to examine the effects of modernity and globalization on the daily practice by believers of the world s major religions it is designed as the core textbook for university survey courses on world religions usually offered in the first or second year this particularly lively and thoughtful survey is now updated to cover more aspects of the current international situation and developments in religious life around the world dt new tales of spiritual transformation boxes in each chapter tell a story of someone whose life was changed through religious faith helps to personalize the religions being discussed dt new teachings of religious wisdom boxes also in each chapter allow each religion to speak for itself through primary source material students will find assistance in putting a vast array of data in context through timelines of each religion and full color maps as well as a comprehensive glossary discussion questions and suggestions for further reading will help students examine what they have learned then researchfurther sacred realms is a comprehensive introduction to the anthropology of religion after an introduction that presents and defines key concepts in the study of religion 55 classic and current essays by leading specialists cover major topics in religion divided into twelve subject areas the anthology is geographically balanced and includes contributions from anthropologists around the world the book concludes with unique coverage of five of the world s largest and most influential religions an introduction to religion and politics offers a comprehensive overview of the many theories of religion and politics and provides students with an accessible but in depth account of the most significant debates issues and methodologies fox examines the ways in which religion influences politics analyses the current key issues and provides a state of the art account of religion and politics highlighting the diversity in state religion policies around the world topics covered include secularism and secularization religious identity religious worldviews beliefs doctrines and theologies religious legitimacy religious institutions and mobilization rational and functional religion religious fundamentalism conflict violence and terror this work combines theoretical analysis with data on the religion policies of 177 governments showing that while most of the world s government support religion and many restrict it true neutrality on the issue of religion is extremely rare religion is becoming an inescapable issue in politics this work will be essential reading for all students of religion and politics and will also be of great interest to those studying related subjects such as comparative politics international relations and war and conflict studies grace davie is one of the best analysts of religion in contemporary sociology this book caps a distinguished record of studies of religion first of britain then of europe then globally this is a magisterial work which should be read by anyone interested in the place of religion in the modern world peter l berger boston university this book offers both an expert survey of contemporary sociology of religion and the personal reflections of one of the leading scholars in the field grace davie is a good model for students and their teachers she is clear engaging and fair minded but unafraid to express a point of view david voas university of manchester grace davie has written a book about what is currently happening in the sociology of religion which is clear accessible devoid of jargon and authoritative though addressed to the educated reader it also provides an ideal text for students if you want expert guidance about what is going on in the sociology of religion and to have useful indications about what is going on in religion on the global scene this book does the job extremely well theology why is religion still important can we be fully modern and fully religious the sociology of religion works at two levels first it sets out the agenda covering the key questions in the sociology of religion today at the same time it interrogates this agenda asking if the sociology of religion as we currently know it is fit for purpose if not what is to be done this book describes the origins of the sociology of religion demystifies secularization as a process and a theory relates religion to modern social theory unpacks the meaning of religion in relation to modernity and globalization grasps the methodological challenges in the field provides a comparative perspective for religions in the west introduces questions of minorities and margins sets out a critical agenda for debate and research in a single volume grace davie captures the nature and forms of modern religion the current debates in the field and the prospects for future development religion in america 7th edition provides a comprehensive yet concise introduction to the changing religious landscape of

the united states extensively revised and updated to reflect current events and trends this new edition continues to engage students in reflection about religious diversity julia corbett hemeyer presents the study of religion as a tool for developing appreciation of communities of faith other than one's own and for understanding the dynamics at work in religion in the united states today this book explores a larger family of saints those celebrated not just by christianity but by other religious traditions of the world muslim hindu jewish buddhist confucian african and caribbean the essays show how saints serve as moral exemplars in the communities that venerate them written in response to students' worries over the demands of dealing with a range of complex and unfamiliar concepts this handy reference book enables readers to grasp the meaning of the key terms and concepts used in religious studies up to graduate level it also provides a pool of fascinating information for all who want to extend their general knowledge of religious studies whether for personal or professional reasons what brings religious scholars constance furey sarah hammerschlag and amy hollywood together in devotion is a shared conviction that reading helps us live with and through the unknown for them the nature of reading raises questions fundamental to how we think about our political futures and modes of human relation each essay suggests different ways to characterize the object of devotion and the stance of the devout subject before it furey writes about devotion in terms of vivification energy and artifice hammerschlag in terms of commentary mimicry and fetishism and hollywood in terms of anarchy antinomianism and atopia they are interested in literature not as providing models for ethical political or religious life but as creating the site in which the possible and the impossible transport the reader enabling new forms of thought habits of mind and modes of life ranging from german theologian martin luther to french jewish philosopher sarah kofman to american poet susan howe this volume is not just a reflection on forms of devotion it is also an enactment of devotion itself although many would today argue that the onetime dominance of the phenomenology of religion has receded and with it the traditional approach to studying religion as a unique and deeply felt experience that defies explanation the essays collected here take quite the opposite stand that this approach has merely been re-branded and continues to characterize much work being done in the field today offering a different way forward one that is based on experiences gained by the members of the department of religious studies at the university of alabama a program that has successfully reinvented itself over the past 20 years the book includes a variety of practical suggestions for how members of religious studies departments can revise their approach to studying and teaching about religion seeing religion instead as mundane but always exemplary of basic social elements found all across cultures the volume argues that the way forward for this field lies not in the specialness of its object of study but instead the fact that thinking and acting as if something is special is itself an ordinary aspect of history and culture making just this shift helps the scholar of religion to contribute to wide interdisciplinary conversations all across the humanities and social sciences demonstrating the practical relevance of their work religion and politics are never far from the headlines but their relationship remains complex and often confusing this book offers an engaging accessible and balanced treatment of religion in american politics it explores the historical cultural and legal contexts that motivate religious political engagement and assesses the pragmatic and strategic political realities that religious organizations and people face incorporating the best and most current scholarship the authors examine the evolving politics of roman catholics evangelical and mainline protestants african american and latino traditions jews muslims and other religious minorities recent immigrants and religious nones and other conventional and not so conventional american religious movements new to the sixth edition covers the 2016 election and assesses the role of religion from obama to trump expands substantially on religion's relationship to gender and sexuality race ethnicity and class and features the role of social media in religious mobilization adds discussion questions at the end of every chapter to help students gain deeper understanding of the subject adds a new concluding chapter on the normative issues raised by religious political engagement to stimulate lively discussions explores the relationship between religion and authority across civilizations and cultures this scarce antiquarian book is a facsimile reprint of the original due to its age it may contain imperfections such as marks notations marginalia and flawed pages because we believe this work is culturally important we have made it available as part of our commitment for protecting preserving and promoting the world's literature in affordable high quality modern editions that are true to the original work in the views of most believers and critics religion is essentially connected to the existence of a supernatural deity if supernaturalism is not reasonable the argument goes religion cannot be reasonable or if supernaturalism is reasonable religion must be as well are faith and reason religion and science doomed to a constant struggle for the heart of humanity steven m cahn believes that they are not that even if god exists religion may not be justified and that even if religion is justified belief in god may not be in religion within reason cahn argues that the common understanding of the relationship between religion and supernaturalism is flawed and that while supernaturalism is not reasonable religious commitment may well be writing not as a theist but as one who finds much to admire in a religious life he examines faith and reason miracles heaven and hell religious diversity and the problem of evil using a variety of examples taken from religious thought literature and popular culture lucidly written in a nonpolemical spirit religion within reason offers an exciting new approach to the reconciliation of science and religion first published in 1951 encyclopaedia of religion and religions is an essential historical resource for scholars and researchers of religion it is written by one who is a trained encyclopaedist with an encyclopaedist's understanding approach to facts that are of immense and perennial importance and interest for decades scholars and public intellectuals have been predicting the demise of religion in the face of secularization yet religion is undergoing an unprecedented resurgence in modern life and secularization no longer appears so 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spiritual needs they explore the rise of the humanistic study of religion in europe jewish messianism atheism and last rites in the soviet union the cult of the saints in colonial mexico religious minorities and islamic identity in pakistan the neuroscience of religion and more based on the shelby cullom davis center seminars at princeton university this incisive book features illuminating essays by peter brown yaacob dweck peter e gordon anthony grafton brad s gregory stefania pastore caterina pizzigoni victoria smolkin max weiss and muhammad qasim zaman religion and popular culture is a fast growing field that spans a variety of disciplines this volume offers the first real survey of the field to date and provides a guide for the work of future scholars it explores key issues of definition and of methodology religious encounters with popular culture across media material culture and space ranging from videogames and social networks to cooking and kitsch architecture and national 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prevention and well being the authors dispute the popular notion of religion as damaging to mental health as well as the idea that religious affiliation is entirely predictive of better mental health instead they focus on the framework for living that religions provide which assists believers in anticipating avoiding or modifying problems before they develop for the human service professional willing to build a collaborative relationship with religious systems this vital book depicts the richness and diversity of religion and shows the interface of religion well being and prevention important issues such as the impact of religion on american society and the ethos of mental health and prevention the historical and contemporary role of the african american church as an empowering agent and mediating structure for black citizens the critical roles of theology in determining the attitude of religious systems toward prevention and well being the importance of community and personal 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The Routledge Companion to Religion and Science

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looking at the everyday interaction of religion and media in our cultural lives hoover s new book is a fascinating assessment of the state of modern religion recent years have produced a marked turn away from institutionalized religions towards more autonomous individual forms of the search for spiritual meaning film television the music industry and the internet are central to this process cutting through the monolithic assertions of world religions and giving access to more diverse and fragmented ideals while the sheer volume and variety of information travelling through global media changes modes of religious thought and commitment the human desire for spirituality also invigorates popular culture itself recreating commodities film blockbusters world sport and popular music as contexts for religious meanings drawing on research into household media consumption hoover charts the way in which media and religion intermingle and collide in the cultural experience of media audiences religion in the media age is essential reading for everyone interested in how today mass media relates to contemporary religious and spiritual life

Religion in the Media Age

2006-11-22

why studying religion matters in a pluralistic context this brief primer explains why christian students should study religion how they should go about it and why it is important in our contemporary pluralistic context senior religion scholar terry muck introduces the discipline and explains how it can be approached by christian students he explores the contemporary significance of studying religion in a complex multicultural world and concludes by addressing the skills students must bring to the study of religion in the twenty first century written in accessible prose suitable for undergraduates this introduction can be used to supplement any standard religion textbook

Why Study Religion?

2016-06-21

explore a rigorous but accessible guide to contemporary approaches to the study of religion from leading voices in the field the wiley blackwell companion to the study of religion delivers an expert and insightful analysis of modern perspectives on the study of religion across the humanities and the social sciences presupposing no knowledge of the approaches examined in the collection the book is ideal for undergraduate students who have yet to undertake extensive study in the humanities or social sciences the book includes perspectives from those in fields as diverse as globalization cognitive science the study of emotion law esotericism sex and gender functionalism terror the comparative method modernism and postmodernism many of the topics covered in the book clearly hail from religious studies while others are grounded in other areas of academia all of the chapters contained within are written by recognized authors who show how their chosen discipline contributes to the understanding of the phenomenon of religion this book also includes topics like a comprehensive exploration of multiple approaches to religious study including anthropology economics literature phenomenology philosophy psychology sociology and theology a review of various

topics germane to the study of religion including the study of the body cognitive science the comparative method death and the afterlife law magic music and myth a selection of subjects touching on modern trends in extremism and violence including chapters on terror and violence fundamentalism and nationalism a discussion of the influence of modernism and postmodernism in religion ideal for undergraduate graduate and postgraduate students in humanities and social science programs taking courses on religion and myth the wiley blackwell companion to the study of religion will also earn a place in the libraries of specialists working in the fields of religious studies theology sociology anthropology psychology political science history and philosophy

The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to the Study of Religion

2021-03-10

to better understand the relationship between religion and the news media both in everyday practice and in the larger context of american public discourse author stewart m hoover gives a cultural historical analysis in his book religion in the news the resulting insights provide important clues as to the place of religion in american life the role of the media in cultural discourse and the prospects of institutional religion in the media age this volume is highly recommended to media professionals journalists people in the religious community and for classroom use in religious studies and media studies programs

Issues in Religion

1969

gives an account of the history the theological basis the practice and the current state of the study of religion and religions throughout the world combines a clear and non technical style of presentation with a structure and range of contributions which reflect the richness and complexity of religion itself of the religions of the world and the study of religions comprehensive index bibliographies and suggestions for further reading intriguing philosophical questions are raised about the nature of religion and the qualities needed for studying it times higher education supplement excellent book remarkably successful impressive as much for the sheer scale of the undertaking as for its consistent standard of analysis it is a fine achievement which will serve both as a very suitable textbook for students and a reliable guide to the state of scholarship in the history and study of religions heythrop journal

Religion in the News

1998-06-30

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

The World's Religions

2004-01-14

in recent years there has been growing awareness across a range of academic disciplines of the value of exploring issues of religion and the sacred in relation to cultures of everyday life

exploring religion and the sacred in a media age offers inter disciplinary perspectives drawing from theology religious studies media studies cultural studies film studies sociology and anthropology combining theoretical frameworks for the analysis of religion media and popular culture with focused international case studies of particular texts practices communities and audiences the authors examine topics such as media rituals marketing strategies empirical investigations of audience testimony and the influence of religion on music reality television and the internet both academically rigorous and of interest to a wider readership this book offers a wide range of fascinating explorations at the cutting edge of many contemporary debates in sociology religion and media including chapters on the way evangelical groups in america have made use of the da vinci code and on the influences of religion on british club culture and electronic dance music

Time, Religion and History

2014-06-11

introducing students to engaging and contemporary topics such as sociology of religion psychology of religion history of religion religion and art religious ethics popular religion and religion and violence this book continues to be fundamental reading for those approaching this subject area for the first time

Exploring Religion and the Sacred in a Media Age

2016-12-05

world religions today is the only book to examine the effects of modernity and globalization on the daily practice by believers of the world s major religions it is designed as the core textbook for university survey courses on world religions usually offered in the first or second year this particularly lively and thoughtful survey is now updated to cover more aspects of the current international situation and developments in religious life around the world dt new tales of spiritual transformation boxes in each chapter tell a story of someone whose life was changed through religious faith helps to personalize the religions being discussed dt new teachings of religious wisdom boxes also in each chapter allow each religion to speak for itself through primary source material students will find assistance in putting a vast array of data in context through timelines of each religion and full color maps as well as a comprehensive glossary discussion questions and suggestions for further reading will help students examine what they have learned then research further

Introducing Religion

2024-08-22

sacred realms is a comprehensive introduction to the anthropology of religion after an introduction that presents and defines key concepts in the study of religion 55 classic and current essays by leading specialists cover major topics in religion divided into twelve subject areas the anthology is geographically balanced and includes contributions from anthropologists around the world the book concludes with unique coverage of five of the world s largest and most influential religions

World Religions Today

2009

an introduction to religion and politics offers a comprehensive overview of the many theories of religion and politics and provides students with an accessible but in depth account of the most significant debates issues and methodologies fox examines the ways in which religion influences politics analyses the current key issues and provides a state of the art account of religion and politics highlighting the diversity in state religion policies around the world topics covered include secularism and secularization religious identity religious worldviews beliefs doctrines and theologies religious legitimacy religious institutions and mobilization rational and functional religion religious fundamentalism conflict violence and terror this work combines theoretical analysis with data on the religion policies of 177 governments showing that while most of the world s government support religion and many restrict it true

neutrality on the issue of religion is extremely rare religion is becoming an inescapable issue in politics this work will be essential reading for all students of religion and politics and will also be of great interest to those studying related subjects such as comparative politics international relations and war and conflict studies

Sacred Realms

2004

grace davie is one of the best analysts of religion in contemporary sociology this book caps a distinguished record of studies of religion first of britain then of europe then globally this is a magisterial work which should be read by anyone interested in the place of religion in the modern world peter l berger boston university this book offers both an expert survey of contemporary sociology of religion and the personal reflections of one of the leading scholars in the field grace davie is a good model for students and their teachers she is clear engaging and fair minded but unafraid to express a point of view david voas university of manchester grace davie has written a book about what is currently happening in the sociology of religion which is clear accessible devoid of jargon and authoritative though addressed to the educated reader it also provides an ideal text for students if you want expert guidance about what is going on in the sociology of religion and to have useful indications about what is going on in religion on the global scene this book does the job extremely well theology why is religion still important can we be fully modern and fully religious the sociology of religion works at two levels first it sets out the agenda covering the key questions in the sociology of religion today at the same time it interrogates this agenda asking if the sociology of religion as we currently know it is fit for purpose if not what is to be done this book describes the origins of the sociology of religion demystifies secularization as a process and a theory relates religion to modern social theory unpacks the meaning of religion in relation to modernity and globalization grasps the methodological challenges in the field provides a comparative perspective for religions in the west introduces questions of minorities and margins sets out a critical agenda for debate and research in a single volume grace davie captures the nature and forms of modern religion the current debates in the field and the prospects for future development

An Introduction to Religion and Politics

2013-05-07

religion in america 7th edition provides a comprehensive yet concise introduction to the changing religious landscape of the united states extensively revised and updated to reflect current events and trends this new edition continues to engage students in reflection about religious diversity julia corbett hemeyer presents the study of religion as a tool for developing appreciation of communities of faith other than one's own and for understanding the dynamics at work in religion in the united states today

The Sociology of Religion

2007-04-18

this book explores a larger family of saints those celebrated not just by christianity but by other religious traditions of the world muslim hindu jewish buddhist confucian african and caribbean the essays show how saints serve as moral exemplars in the communities that venerate them

Religion in America

2016-02-19

written in response to students worries over the demands of dealing with a range of complex and unfamiliar concepts this handy reference book enables readers to grasp the meaning of the key terms and concepts used in religious studies up to graduate level it also provides a pool of fascinating information for all who want to extend their general knowledge of religious studies whether for personal or professional reasons

Saints and Virtues

1987-09-14

what brings religious scholars constance furey sarah hammerschlag and amy hollywood together in devotion is a shared conviction that reading helps us live with and through the unknown for them the nature of reading raises questions fundamental to how we think about our political futures and modes of human relation each essay suggests different ways to characterize the object of devotion and the stance of the devout subject before it furey writes about devotion in terms of vivification energy and artifice hammerschlag in terms of commentary mimicry and fetishism and hollywood in terms of anarchy antinomianism and atopia they are interested in literature not as providing models for ethical political or religious life but as creating the site in which the possible and the impossible transport the reader enabling new forms of thought habits of mind and modes of life ranging from german theologian martin luther to french jewish philosopher sarah kofman to american poet susan howe this volume is not just a reflection on forms of devotion it is also an enactment of devotion itself

Key Words in Religious Studies

2006

although many would today argue that the onetime dominance of the phenomenology of religion has receded and with it the traditional approach to studying religion as a unique and deeply felt experience that defies explanation the essays collected here take quite the opposite stand that this approach has merely been re branded and continues to characterize much work being done in the field today offering a different way forward one that is based on experiences gained by the members of the department of religious studies at the university of alabama a program that has successfully reinvented itself over the past 20 years the book includes a variety of practical suggestions for how members of religious studies departments can revise their approach to studying and teaching about religion seeing religion instead as mundane but always exemplary of basic social elements found all across cultures the volume argues that the way forward for this field lies not in the specialness of its object of study but instead the fact that thinking and acting as if something is special is itself an ordinary aspect of history and culture making just this shift helps the scholar of religion to contribute to wide interdisciplinary conversations all across the humanities and social sciences demonstrating the practical relevance of their work

Devotion

2021-12-10

religion and politics are never far from the headlines but their relationship remains complex and often confusing this book offers an engaging accessible and balanced treatment of religion in american politics it explores the historical cultural and legal contexts that motivate religious political engagement and assesses the pragmatic and strategic political realities that religious organizations and people face incorporating the best and most current scholarship the authors examine the evolving politics of roman catholics evangelical and mainline protestants african american and latino traditions jews muslims and other religious minorities recent immigrants and religious nones and other conventional and not so conventional american religious movements new to the sixth edition covers the 2016 election and assesses the role of religion from obama to trump expands substantially on religion s relationship to gender and sexuality race ethnicity and class and features the role of social media in religious mobilization adds discussion questions at the end of every chapter to help students gain deeper understanding of the subject adds a new concluding chapter on the normative issues raised by religious political engagement to stimulate lively discussions

On Making a Shift in the Study of Religion and Other Essays

2021-06-08

explores the relationship between religion and authority across civilizations and cultures

Religion and Politics in America

2018-08-06

this scarce antiquarian book is a facsimile reprint of the original due to its age it may contain imperfections such as marks notations marginalia and flawed pages because we believe this work is culturally important we have made it available as part of our commitment for protecting preserving and promoting the world s literature in affordable high quality modern editions that are true to the original work

Religion and the Authority of the Past

1993

in the views of most believers and critics religion is essentially connected to the existence of a supernatural deity if supernaturalism is not reasonable the argument goes religion cannot be reasonable or if supernaturalism is reasonable religion must be as well are faith and reason religion and science doomed to a constant struggle for the heart of humanity steven m cahn believes that they are not that even if god exists religion may not be justified and that even if religion is justified belief in god may not be in religion within reason cahn argues that the common understanding of the relationship between religion and supernaturalism is flawed and that while supernaturalism is not reasonable religious commitment may well be writing not as a theist but as one who finds much to admire in a religious life he examines faith and reason miracles heaven and hell religious diversity and the problem of evil using a variety of examples taken from religious thought literature and popular culture lucidly written in a nonpolemical spirit religion within reason offers an exciting new approach to the reconciliation of science and religion

Religion and Life

2009-07

first published in 1951 encyclopaedia of religion and religions is an essential historical resource for scholars and researchers of religion it is written by one who is a trained encyclopaedist with an encyclopaedist s understanding approach to facts that are of immense and perennial importance and interest

Religion and Religions

1969

for decades scholars and public intellectuals have been predicting the demise of religion in the face of secularization yet religion is undergoing an unprecedented resurgence in modern life and secularization no longer appears so inevitable formations of belief brings together many of today s leading historians to shed critical light on secularism s origins its present crisis and whether it is as antithetical to religion as it is so often made out to be formations of belief offers a more nuanced understanding of the origins of secularist thought demonstrating how reformed christianity and the enlightenment were not the sole vessels of a worldview based on rationalism and individual autonomy taking readers from late antiquity to the contemporary era the contributors show how secularism itself can be a form of belief and yet how its crisis today has been brought on by its apparent incapacity to satisfy people s spiritual needs they explore the rise of the humanistic study of religion in europe jewish messianism atheism and last rites in the soviet union the cult of the saints in colonial mexico religious minorities and islamic identity in pakistan the neuroscience of religion and more based on the shelby cullom davis center seminars at princeton university this incisive book features illuminating essays by peter brown yaacob dweck peter e gordon anthony graffon brad s gregory stefania pastore caterina pizzigoni victoria smolkin max weiss and muhammad qasim zaman

Religion and To-day

1913

religion and popular culture is a fast growing field that spans a variety of disciplines this volume offers the first real survey of the field to date and provides a guide for the work of future scholars it explores key issues of definition and of methodology religious encounters with popular culture across media material culture and space ranging from videogames and social networks to cooking and kitsch architecture and national monuments representations of religious traditions in the media and popular culture including important non western spheres such as bollywood this companion will serve as an enjoyable and informative resource for students and a stimulus to future scholarly work

Religion Within Reason

2017-03-14

this introductory text explores the historical and contemporary relevance of religion to social life through an examination of practice and belief author hunt reconsiders how theories and concepts are lived at the level of selfhood and cultural identity through religious and spiritual belief at the same time he looks at contemporary changes in religious life and how these are impacted by socialization institutional belonging and belief and at the significance of class gender age and ethnicity individual chapters cover a range of issues such as religion identity and community secularization and pluralism traditional christianity change and continuity globalization and the global context religion and ethnicity the text challenges much current sociological thought and deals with contemporary christianity a range of world faiths and new and developing expressions of religion and spirituality with tables and diagrams to illustrate key points and trends it provides an accessible and captivating introduction to the sociology of religion

Encyclopaedia of Religion and Religions

2023-12-30

psychoneuroimmunology pni studies relationships between mental state and the nervous endocrine and immune systems it focuses on how mental states and beliefs affect physical health this book examines topics relating to religious faith and behaviour

Formations of Belief

2019-09-17

here is the first book which highlights the unique resource of religion in the field of prevention until now religious systems have been a largely undertapped resource of talent energy care and physical and financial assets religion and prevention in mental health is a significant new volume that lays a general foundation for preventive work in the religious area it presents a number of reasons for examining religion as a source for aiding prevention and well being the authors dispute the popular notion of religion as damaging to mental health as well as the idea that religious affiliation is entirely predictive of better mental health instead they focus on the framework for living that religions provide which assists believers in anticipating avoiding or modifying problems before they develop for the human service professional willing to build a collaborative relationship with religious systems this vital book depicts the richness and diversity of religion and shows the interface of religion well being and prevention important issues such as the impact of religion on american society and the ethos of mental health and prevention the historical and contemporary role of the african american church as an empowering agent and mediating structure for black citizens the critical roles of theology in determining the attitude of religious systems toward prevention and well being the importance of community and personal narratives and the limitations of religious settings due to their survival concerns and methods to increase their potential to heal are all discussed thoroughly through a better understanding of religious settings programs and processes human service professionals can more effectively utilize religion and reach a neglected portion of the population in need of help in addition religious leaders mental health

professionals including counselors social workers program developers evaluators and administrators and psychologists sociologists and anthropologists will benefit from the comprehensive material provided in this timely book

The Routledge Companion to Religion and Popular Culture

2015-03-27

in this compelling book coffin explores the essence of religion and what it means to individuals and society drawing on his years of experience as a minister and scholar he delves into the fundamental questions of faith ethics and spirituality this work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it this work is in the public domain in the united states of america and possibly other nations within the united states you may freely copy and distribute this work as no entity individual or corporate has a copyright on the body of the work scholars believe and we concur that this work is important enough to be preserved reproduced and made generally available to the public we appreciate your support of the preservation process and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant

Religion and Everyday Life

2013-01-11

The Link Between Religion and Health

2002

Religion and Prevention in Mental Health

2014-06-23

What is There in Religion?

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One World in Religion, Divine Intelligence

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