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Karmic and Abrahamic Faiths-Domenic Marbaniang 2018-12-01 Interreligious dialogue for social harmony and peace is a crucial topic in our times. Comparative religious studies helps to facilitate the peace building process. This book look sat a few comparative themes in some of the Karmic and Abrahamic faiths, chiefly focusing on Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Jainism, and Buddhism. The concept of karma is central to karmic religions, viz, Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, and Sikhism. The abrahamic religions, viz., Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, are commonly connected through the story of Abraham.

Hindu Theology-José Pereira 1991

World Religions in Practice-Paul Gwynne 2017-08-07 A new and expanded edition of a highly successful textbook on world religions with a comparative approach which explores how six major religions are lived and expressed through their customs, rituals and everyday practices. A new edition of this major textbook, exploring the world's great religions through their customs, rituals and everyday practices by focusing on the 'lived experience' This comparative study is enriched and broadened with the inclusion of a sixth religion, Daoism Takes a thematic, comparative and practical approach; each chapter explores a series of key themes including birth, death, ethics, and worship across all six religions at each time Broadens students' understanding by offering an impartial discussion of the similarities and differences between each religion Includes an increased range of student-friendly features, designed to allow students to engage with each religion and extend their understanding

Hinduism For Dummies-Amrutur V. Srinivasan 2011-06-15 Your hands-on guide to one of the world's major religions The dominant religion of India, "Hinduism" refers to a widevariety of religious traditions and philosophies that havedeveloped over thousands of years. Today, the United States is hometo approximately one million Hindus. If you've heard of this ancient religion and are looking for areference that explains the intricacies of the customs, practices,and teachings of this ancient spiritual system, Hinduism ForDummies is for you! Provides a thorough introduction to this earliest and popularworld belief system Information on the rites, rituals, deities, and teachingsassociated with the practice of Hinduism Explores the history and teachings of the Vedas, Brahmans, andUpanishads Offers insight into the modern daily practice of Hinduismaround the world Continuing the Dummies tradition of making the world's religionsengaging and accessible to everyone, Hinduism For Dummies isyour hands-on, friendly guide to this fascinating religion.

God and World Religions-Paul Gordon Johnson 1997 Breathtaking in its scope, yet down to earth in its ability to reach the average person, God and World Religions will change all who read it. This is a book pastors and laypersons of any religion or creed can understand. Paul Johnson has organized his material by theological topics for all interested in world religions. Comparing such themes as fear and love, and the divine-human relationship, Johnson takes the reader into new ways of looking at the beliefs of Native American, buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish, and other religions. Combing insights from scriptures, historical events, astronomy, and understandings of how language can be used, Johnson examines the deities, beliefs, practices, history, and traditions of all of the world's major religions.

Hindu Worldviews-Jessica Frazier 2017-02-09 Designed to help readers deepen their understanding of Hinduism, and reflecting themes central to the study of religion and culture, Jessica Frazier explores classical Hindu theories of self, the body, the cosmos, and human action. Case studies from Hindu texts provide readers with direct access to primary sources in translation, ranging from ancient cosmology to philosophical teachings and modern ritual practices. Hinduism is often depicted as being so diverse that it is the most difficult of all of the world religions to understand or explain. Hindu Worldviews explains core ideas about the human mind and body, showing how they fit into concepts of the Self, and practices of embodiment in Hinduism. It draws on western theoretical concepts as a point of entry, connecting contemporary Hindu culture directly with both western and classical Hindu theories. Through the theme of the Self in classical Hindu sources, the chapters provide an interpretative framework for understanding classical approaches to ethics, liberation, and views of the body and the mind. These provide a key to the rationale behind many forms of modern practice such as divinisation rituals, worship of deities, and theological reflection. Reflecting central themes in courses on Hinduism and Indian Philosophy, Hindu Worldviews provides an accessible new perspective on both Hinduism and modern theory in the study of religion.

Hindus-Julius Lipner 1998 Hinduism has been a major religious faith for well over 3000 years, and Hindus today account for over 600 million people. Lipner's book is a highly readable study of its evolution, its multidimensional nature, and influence.

Agape Love-Sir John Templeton 2008-01-01 The tradition of agape, or unconditional love, is not exclusive to any one religion. Actually, it is a major underlying principle found in religions worldwide. The concept of altruistic love is one that challenges the spiritual person to "love your enemies," or to "love without thought of return." It is a love that flows out to others in the form of compassion, kindness, tenderness, and charitable giving. Buddhists have a path of compassion, where caring for others becomes the motivating force behind existence. Hindus have a branch of yoga, the heart-centered path, that leads to enlightenment through an overwhelming love for God that takes the form of loving all of humanity. Eastern religions, such as Taoism and Confucianism, see transcendent love as essential part of true wisdom. The universal theme of love is found in all religious traditions, Buddhist, Christian, Islam, or others. As we begin realize that all religions have at their core this spiritual principle of love, we can develop a sense of common humanity. The religious tradition of agape love examined in this book will serve as an inspiration for those who are learning to grow in compassion and love for all people.

Essays in Hindu Theology-Anantanand Rambachan 2019-11-05 This work offers a series of theological explorations of themes not usually addressed in standard treatments of the Hindu tradition. Rambachan's retrieval of these distinctive insights of Hindu theology has implications that extend across the world's religions, and that touches upon key areas of mutual interest and concern. Beginning with a general introduction to the Hindu theological tradition, the book examines several key issues in Hindu theology and its engagement with contemporary religious, social, political, and inter-faith questions, including the theological methods employed in the study of Hinduism, the discernment of vocation, the theological grounds for social justice in the Hindu tradition, religion and nationalism, violence and non-violence, theological resources for interreligious dialogue (especially among Hindus and Christians), hospitality and openness to the stranger, and spirituality and holiness. In exploring these issues, this study draws deeply from Hindu authoritative sources, but does not limit itself to description. Each chapter is also a work in constructive theology, offering an interpretation of the Hindu tradition appropriate for life in our contemporary world. Essays in Hindu Theology will be of great interest not only to theologians and scholars, but to all who are invested in interreligious understanding and theological engagements with modern challenges.

Understanding World Religions-George W. Braswell 1983

India : History, Religion, Vision And Contribution To The World-Alexander P. Varghese 2008 The Book Is An Academic Endeavour On A Variety Of Themes Encompassing History, Society, Religions, Vedas, Upanishads And Epics. It Also Studies The Movements Led By Various Personalities Enjoying Places Of Prominence In Their Respective Fields.Besides The Major Tenets Of Different Religions, The Book Discusses More Than Thirty Philosophies Representing Various Shades Of Thought Classified Into Five Broad Categories: (I) Saddarsanas Or Six Visions, Inspired By The Vedas, Are Independent In Approach And Argument Though Not Isolated From One Another; (Ii) Sramanas (Strivers) Philosophies Emerged In The 6Th Century Bc. Their Proponents Were, By And Large, Empiricists Who Used Experience And Observation As A Source Of Knowledge; (Iii) The Modern Philosophies In Hindusim Emanated From The Movements Of Revival Of This Religion Through Reformist Organisations Like Arya Samaj, Brahmo Samaj, And Theosophical Society, Etc.; (Iv) The Upanishadic Philosophies Mainly Revolve Around The Concepts Of Self The Individual, And Absolute God Almighty; (V) Finally, The Philosophies Of Different Religions Are Based On Faith And Practices Propounded By Their Respective Founders Or Their Successors.This Elaborate Study Is Structured In Two Volumes Each Consisting Of A Number Of Parts That Include Chapters On Different Themes. Volume I Makes A Detailed Discussion On India, Going In-Depth Into The Name, Basic Characteristics, Geography, History, Civilization, Etc. It Effectively Unveils India S Identity As A Nation Along With Its Historical Realities, Socio-Culture Features And Contribution To The World At Large In Spiritual Pursuits. Volume Ii Is A Self-Contained Comparative Study Of Hinduism And Christianity Accentuating The Doctrinal Issues Which Mark The Points Of Accord And Possible Discords In The Cordiality And Mutuality Of These Two Great Religions. Annexures Given In The End Constitute An Integral Part Of This Volume And Will Provide Useful Study-Aids To The Readers.The Book Will Be Useful To Students, Teachers, Religious Preachers, Educationists, And All Those Who Aspire To Enhance Their Knowledge On India S History, Religion And Spiritual Philosophy.

America, Religions and Religion-Catherine L. Albanese 1981

The Oxford Handbook of Religious Conversion-Lewis Ray Rambo 2014 This handbook offers a comprehensive exploration of the dynamics of religious conversion, which for centuries has profoundly shaped societies, cultures, and individuals throughout the world.

Hinduism-Sue Penney 1995 Discovering Religions looks at the world's major religions in a clear and accessible way. Written specifically for lower secondary students, it examines key religious themes - worship, history, festivals and rites of passage. The emphasis throughout is upon a comprehensive, balanced coverage of the subjects and clear, motivating presentation.

Norton Anthology of World Religions-Cunningham, Lawrence S 2015-02-18

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 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 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 Future of Religious Leadership-Alon Goshen-Gottstein 2018-08-08 The chapters collected in this book, prepared by a think tank of the Elijah Interfaith Academy, address the subject of religious leadership. The subject is of broad relevance in the training of religious leaders and in the practice of religious leadership. As such, it is also germane to religious thought, where reflections on religious leadership occupy an important place. What does it mean to be a religious leader in today's world? To what degree are the challenges that confront religious leadership today the same perennial challenges that have arrested the attention of the faithful and their leaders for generations, and to what degree do we encounter challenges today that are unique to our day and age? One dimension is surely unique, and that is the very ability to explore these issues from an interreligious perspective and to consider challenges, opportunities, and strategies across religious traditions. Studying the theme across six faith traditions—Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, Hinduism, and Buddhism—The Future of Religious Leadership: World Religions in Conversation recognizes the common challenges to present-day religious leadership. Contributors: Awet Andemicael, Timothy J. Gianotti, Alon Goshen-Gottstein, Anantanand Rambachan, Maria Reis Habito, Meir Sender, Balwant Singh Dhillon, Miroslav Volf

An Introduction to Swaminarayan Hindu Theology-Sadhu Paramtattvadas 2017-07-31 Since its inception over two hundred years ago, Swaminarayan Hinduism has flourished into a transnational movement described as one of the fastest growing Hindu groups in the world. Despite being one of the largest and most visible

Hindu traditions both in India and the West, surprisingly little is known about what the Swaminarayan fellowship believes. An Introduction to Swaminarayan Hindu Theology provides a comprehensive doctrinal account of the Swaminarayan tradition’s belief system, drawing on its rich corpus of theological literature, including the teachings of Swaminarayan himself and classical commentaries on canonical Vedāntic texts. Part I delineates the sources and tools of Swaminarayan Hindu theology, while Part II systematically expounds upon its distinctive five eternal entities - Parabrahman, Akṣarabrahman, māyā, īśvara and jīva - and mukti (spiritual liberation). In presenting these key themes theologically and lucidly, Swami Paramtattvadas makes the Swaminarayan Hindu belief system intelligible to scholars, students and serious readers.

Religious Experience in the Hindu Tradition-June McDaniel 2019-07-31 This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue Religious Experience in the Hindu Tradition that was published in Religions

Religious Experience in the Hindu Tradition is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 31 July 2019. The Special Issue was guest edited by June McDaniel, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Public Hinduisms-John Zavos 2012-06-30 Public Hinduisms critically analyses the way in which Hinduism is produced and represented as an established feature of modern public landscapes. It examines the mediation, representation and construction of multiple forms of Hinduism in a variety of social and political contexts, and in the process establishes it as a dynamic and developing modern concept. The essays in this volume are divided into themes that address different aspects of the processes that form modern Hinduism. The book includes discussions on topics such as ecumenical initiatives, the contemporary interpretation of particular sampradaya and guru traditions, modes of community mobilisation and the mediation strategies of different groups. It also provides India and diaspora-focused case studies as well as 'Snapshot' views elaborating on different themes. Taking a critical approach to the idea of Hinduism and the way it becomes public, the book provides an interesting read on contemporary Hinduism.

Public Hinduisms is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 30 June 2012. The Special Issue was guest edited by John Zavos, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Ecological Imaginations in the World Religions-Tony Watling 2011-10-20 The field of religion and ecology is an emerging and growing movement that is becoming relevant and influential in the world. It seeks to analyse, encourage, inspire, use, compare, and combine religious traditions to engage and shape environmental issues. Tony Watling seeks to ethnographically analyse this important field and its expressions. In particular, he analyses and compares its explorations of different world religions for ecological themes and the resulting expressions of ecological visions, in what he terms 'religious ecotopias' - idealized, environmentally-friendly re-imaginings of nature and humanity, and correspondingly religion, which seek to influence environmental attitudes.

Ecological Imaginations in the World Religions is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 20 October 2011. The Special Issue was guest edited by Tony Watling, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

The Rámáyan of Válmiki-Válmiki 1870

The Rámáyan of Válmiki is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 18 July 2017. The Special Issue was guest edited by Válmiki, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Social Justice-Michael D. Palmer 2020-04-06 The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Social Justice brings together a team of distinguished scholars to provide a comprehensive and comparative account of social justice in the major religious traditions. The first publication to offer a comparative study of social justice for each of the major world religions, exploring viewpoints within Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Confucianism Offers a unique and enlightening volume for those studying religion and social justice - a crucially important subject within the history of religion, and a significant area of academic study in the field Brings together the beliefs of individual traditions in a comprehensive, explanatory, and informative style All essays are newly-commissioned and written by eminent scholars in the field Benefits from a distinctive four-part organization, with sections on major religions; religious movements and themes; indigenous people; and issues of social justice, from colonialism to civil rights, and AIDS through to environmental concerns

The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Social Justice is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 6 April 2020. The Special Issue was guest edited by Michael D. Palmer, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Scriptures of the World's Religions-James Fieser 1998 Also issued in two separate volumes under titles: Scriptures of the East and Scriptures of the West.

Scriptures of the World's Religions is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 15 July 1998. The Special Issue was guest edited by James Fieser, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

The Anthropology of Buddhism and Hinduism-David N. Gellner 2003 With reference to Nepal.

The Anthropology of Buddhism and Hinduism is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 15 July 2003. The Special Issue was guest edited by David N. Gellner, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Dharma and Halacha-Ithamar Theodor 2018-08-15 This work provides an anthology of close textual readings and examinations of a wide range of topics by leading scholars in interreligious scholarship and Hindu-Jewish dialogue, offering innovative approaches to categories such as ritual, sacrifice, ethics, and theology while underscoring affinities between Hindu and Jewish philosophy and religion

Dharma and Halacha is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 15 August 2018. The Special Issue was guest edited by Ithamar Theodor, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Reflections on Resemblance, Ritual, and Religion-Brian K. Smith 1998 The classical Vedic texts that deal with large-scale sacrificial ritual and those writings that deal with domestic ritual have traditionally been treated as unrelated. The former are devoted to the explication of rituals that are dominated by wealthy male elites; the latter concern humble private ceremonies more open to famale participation. Reflections on Resemblance, Ritual and Religion argues that there is in fact, a fundamental connection between these two large and important bodies of Indic religious literature.

Reflections on Resemblance, Ritual, and Religion is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 15 July 1998. The Special Issue was guest edited by Brian K. Smith, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Spiritual Masters of the World's Religions-Victoria Kennick 2012-12-28 What is a spiritual master? Spiritual Masters of the World’s Religions offers an important contribution to religious studies by addressing that question in the context of such themes as charismatic authority, role models, symbolism, and categories of religious perception. The book contains essays by scholar-practitioners on the topic of spiritual masters in Judaic, Christian, Islamic, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Confucian, and Daoist traditions. It provides a full spectrum of exemplars, including founders, spiritual masters who highlight cultural themes, and problematic figures of modern times. To define spiritual master, the work of Max Weber, Mircea Eliade, Daniel Gold, and Bruce Lincoln is referenced to provide a balanced notion that includes both religionist and reductionist perspectives. This book takes readers from the past spiritual masters to the future of masters of any sort, posing food for thought about the future of master-disciple relationships in an emerging age of egalitarian sentiments.

Spiritual Masters of the World's Religions is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 28 December 2012. The Special Issue was guest edited by Victoria Kennick, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Major Religions in Contemporary World-T. Y. S. Lama Gangchen 2001

Major Religions in Contemporary World is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 1 July 2001. The Special Issue was guest edited by T. Y. S. Lama Gangchen, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Hindu World-Benjamin Walker 2019-04-09 This work, first published in 1968, presents the fabulous world of Hinduism in its entirety in two volumes. It is the first

general encyclopedia of Hinduism covering every major aspect of Hindu life and thought, embodying the results of modern scholarship yet not ignoring the traditional point of view. It contains over 700 articles, each of which gives a comprehensive account of the subject, and by a system of cross references interlinks all topics related to it, so that a single theme may be traced in all its ramifications through the whole book. An index of over 8,000 items, which in itself forms a veritable treasury of Sanskrit terms and names, will further assist the researcher finding their way among the lesser topics treated in the work.

Hindu World is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 9 April 2019. The Special Issue was guest edited by Benjamin Walker, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Siddhartha (悉达多)-Hermann Hesse 2011-03-15 Siddhartha is perhaps the most important and compelling moral allegory our troubled century has produced. Integrating Eastern and Western spiritual traditions with psychoanalysis and philosophy, this strangely simple tale, written with a deep and moving empathy for humanity, has touched the lives of millions since its original publication in 1922.

Siddhartha (悉达多) is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 15 March 2011. The Special Issue was guest edited by Hermann Hesse, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Atlas of the World's Religions-Ninian Smart 2007 Maps and text present a guide to the historical development and current state of the world’s religions.

Atlas of the World's Religions is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 7 July 2007. The Special Issue was guest edited by Ninian Smart, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Contemplative Studies and Hinduism-Rita D. Sherma 2020-10-06 This book is one of the first wide-ranging academic surveys of the major types and categories of Hindu contemplative praxis. It explores diverse spiritual and religious practices within the Hindu traditions and Indic hermeneutical perspectives to understand the intricate culture of meditative communion and contemplation, devotion, spiritual formation, prayer, ritual, and worship. The volume extends and expands the conceptual reach of the fields of Contemplative Studies and Hindu Studies. The chapters in the volume cover themes in Hindu contemplative experience from various texts and traditions including classical Sāṃkhya and Patañjali Yoga, the Bhāgavata Purāṇa, the role of Sādhana in Advaita Vedānta, Śrīvidyā and the Śrīcakra, the body in Tantra, the semiotics and illocution of Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava sādhana, mantra in Mīmāṃsā, Vaiṣṇava liturgy, as well as cross-cultural reflections and interreligious comparative contemplative praxis. The volume presents indigenous vocabulary and frameworks to examine categories and concerns particular to the Hindu contemplative traditions. It traces patterns that cut across Hindu traditions and systems and discusses contrasting methods of different theological/philosophical schools evincing a strong plurality in Hindu religious thought and practice. The volume provides intra-religious comparisons that reveal internal complexity, nuances, and variety of contemplative states and transformative practices that exist under the rubric of Hindu practices of interiority and reflection. With key insights on forms and functions of the contemplative experience along with their theologies and philosophies, the volume suggests new hermeneutical directions that will advance the field of contemplative studies. This book will be useful to scholars and researchers of religious and theological studies, contemplative studies, Hindu studies, consciousness studies, yoga studies, Indian philosophy and religion, sociology of religion, philosophy of religion, comparative religion, and South Asian studies, as also general readers interested in the topic.

Contemplative Studies and Hinduism is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 6 October 2020. The Special Issue was guest edited by Rita D. Sherma, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Sprituality and World Religions: A Comparative Introduction-George Saint-Laurent 1999-10-25 This accessible supplementary text examines how worshipers within the context of the world’s dominant religions pursue personal transformation. Spirituality and World Religions consists of eight chapters that pursue insight into spirituality generally, as well as the respective spiritualities of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism.

Sprituality and World Religions: A Comparative Introduction is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 25 October 1999. The Special Issue was guest edited by George Saint-Laurent, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Religions of the World-Lewis M. Hopfe 1998

Religions of the World is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 15 July 1998. The Special Issue was guest edited by Lewis M. Hopfe, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

The Rigveda- 2014-05-07 The Rigveda is the oldest Sanskrit text, consisting of over one thousand hymns dedicated to various divinities of the Vedic tradition. Orally composed and orally transmitted for several millennia, the hymns display remarkable poetic complexity and religious sophistication. As the culmination of the long tradition of Indo-Iranian oral-formulaic praise poetry and the first monument of specifically Indian religiosity and literature, the Rigveda is crucial to the understanding both of Indo-European and Indo-Iranian intellectual and aesthetic prehistory and of the rich flowering of Indic religious expression and Indic high literature that were to follow. This new translation represents the first complete scholarly translation into English in over a century and utilizes the results of the intense research of the last century on the language and the ritual system of the text. The focus of this translation is on the poetic techniques and structures utilized by the bards and on theways that the poetry intersects with and dynamically expresses the ritual underpinnings of the text.

The Rigveda is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 7 May 2014. The Special Issue was guest edited by the following:

Rites of Passage-Jean Holm 1994-09-01 Drawing on a term used originally in social anthropology, the contributors to this volume take a different world religion as the starting point of their analysis of various themes, seeking to explore and illuminate the parallels and differences throughout. It is only in so doing that we can gain a real awareness of what it means to belong to any one religion. Rites of Passage is the new title in this series which addresses important issues of the day, and examines how each of the eight major religions approaches a particular theme. Constructed to be comparative, the books are both authoritative and accessible.

Rites of Passage is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 1 September 1994. The Special Issue was guest edited by Jean Holm, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

The Hebrew Bible-John Barton 2021-08-31 This is a general-interest introduction to the Old Testament from many disciplines. There are 23 essays with 23 individual reference lists.

The Hebrew Bible is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 31 August 2021. The Special Issue was guest edited by John Barton, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Hinduism and Christianity-Panikkar, Raimon 2019-06-26

Hinduism and Christianity is a Special Issue of the journal *Religions*, published online by MDPI on 26 June 2019. The Special Issue was guest edited by Panikkar, Raimon, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa. The Special Issue contains 11 articles, including the following:

Beliefs That Changed the World-John Bowker 2007 How did Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism come to be the world's dominant religions? What are the real beliefs of Islam, and the different branches within it? Who were the key figures of Judaism? And how are religious beliefs shaping today's world conflicts?Beliefs that Changed the World will answer the key questions about the great religions, from Bahai to Unitarianism, via Jainism, Mormonism, Shinto and the major branches of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism. Not only will this book explain what the disciples of each faith believe, but it will provide the reader with a greater understanding of the wider themes of religious and world history. Each chapter comprises an overview of the central tenets of each religion, key quotations from its core beliefs, and a historical depiction of each faith, from its earliest beginnings to its latest incarnations and impact on the modern world.