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Asian American Religions Longman Publishing Group
In this unique survey of the indigenous pre-Christian and pre-Muslim religions of Central Asia, Julian Baldick—one of the foremost authorities on global comparative religion—describes a common inheritance among the beliefs of the various peoples who have lived in central Asia. In ancient times these peoples shared remarkable commonalities in forms of worship and spiritual expression, all largely based on the role of animals in their lives. The harsh physical climate of the region led to an emphasis on hunting and animals, and shamans relied heavily on animal sacrifices to create spiritual purity. As a result, animals

and spirituality became intertwined. The animal focused characteristics of the region's forms of worship have not only survived in the legends of the area but have found their way into the mythologies of the West. Baldick proposes that the myths and rituals of Central Asia served as possible foundations for such great works as the Odyssey, the Gospels, and Beowulf. This classic work surveying ancient pagan religion is now available in paperback with a new afterword offering fresh insights on the field. It will fascinate readers with interests ranging from Asian Studies and anthropology to religion and literary studies. [Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Indonesia](#) Oxford University Press, USA

Throughout its long history, Japan had no concept of what we call "religion." There was no corresponding Japanese word, nor anything close to its meaning. But when American warships

appeared off the coast of Japan in 1853 and forced the Japanese government to sign treaties demanding, among other things, freedom of religion, the country had to contend with this Western idea. In this book, Jason Ananda Josephson reveals how Japanese officials invented religion in Japan and traces the sweeping intellectual, legal, and cultural changes that followed. More than a tale of oppression or hegemony, Josephson's account demonstrates that the process of articulating religion offered the Japanese state a valuable opportunity. In addition to carving out space for belief in Christianity and certain forms of Buddhism, Japanese officials excluded Shinto from the category. Instead, they enshrined it as a national ideology while relegating the popular practices of indigenous shamans and female mediums to the category of "superstitions"—and thus beyond the sphere of tolerance. Josephson argues that the invention of religion in Japan was a politically charged, boundary-drawing exercise that not only extensively reclassified the inherited materials of Buddhism, Confucianism, and Shinto to lasting effect, but also reshaped, in subtle but significant ways, our own formulation of the concept of religion today. This ambitious and wide-ranging book contributes an important perspective to broader debates on the nature of religion, the secular, science, and superstition.

Anthology of World Scriptures Religions of Asia Today

Covering eclectic topics ranging from South Asian religion to motherhood to world dance to ethnomusicology, this book focuses on contemporary selected experiences of women and how their lives interface with religion.

Religions of Asia Today Oxford University Press, USA

Religion and Change in Contemporary Asia was first published in

1971. Minnesota Archive Editions uses digital technology to make long-unavailable books once again accessible, and are published unaltered from the original University of Minnesota Press editions. Asia, the source of the great religions of mankind, faces today the trends toward Westernized industrialization and nationalism, but the traditional religions continue to be vital forces in the process of development and change. This volume presents case studies of the contemporary role of religion in seven Asian nations—China, Japan, Vietnam, India, Burma, Pakistan, and Indonesia. Each essay is by a specialist with long-term, firsthand experience in the area, and the contributors represent various academic disciplines, including anthropology, history, political science, and history of religions. The studies not only show the effects of the past, as in such great traditions as Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Islam, and Shinto, but also consider the developments of the new religions in Asia today. The authors describe the process of change, asking what is the role of religion in furthering nationalist goals and in bridging the gap between past and present. Arthur F. Wright of Yale University describes the issues relating to Buddhism in modern and contemporary China. Joseph M. Kitagawa of the University of Chicago discusses the new religions in Japan, in historical perspective. I. Milton Sacks of Brandeis University writes on religious components in Vietnamese politics. Agehananda Bharati of Syracuse University discusses Hinduism and modernization in India. Manning Nash of the University of Chicago considers the Burmese experience in Buddhist revitalization. Aziz Ahmad of the University of Toronto treats Islam and democracy in Pakistan. Robert R. Jay of Brown University discusses religious and political

conflict in Indonesia. Robert F. Spencer, the volume editor and author of its introduction, was a professor of anthropology at the University of Minnesota.

Grand Central Publishing

Presents Case Studies To The Contemporary Role Of Religion In 7 Asian Nations China, Japan Vietnam, India, Burma, Pakistan And Indonesia. Shows The Effects Of The Past As Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Islam, Shinto But Also Considers The Developments Of The New Religions In Asia Today.

Sacred Play Oxford University Press on Demand

Traditionally, research on the history of Asian religions has been marked by a bias for literary evidence, privileging canonical texts penned in 'classical' languages. Not only has a focus on literary evidence shaped the dominant narratives about the religious histories of Asia, in both scholarship and popular culture, but it has contributed to the tendency to study different religious traditions in relative isolation from one another. Today, moreover, historical work is often based on modern textual editions and, increasingly, on electronic databases. What may be lost, in the process, is the visceral sense of the text as artifact – as a material object that formed part of a broader material culture, in which the boundaries between religious traditions were sometimes more fluid than canonical literature might suggest. This volume brings together specialists in a variety of Asian cultures to discuss the methodological challenges involved in integrating material evidence for the reconstruction of the religious histories of South, Southeast, Central, and East Asia. By means of specific 'test cases,' the volume explores the importance of considering material and literary evidence in

concert. What untold stories do these sources help us to recover? How might they push us to reevaluate historical narratives traditionally told from literary sources? By addressing these questions from the perspectives of different subfields and religious traditions, contributors map out the challenges involved in interpreting different types of data, assessing the problems of interpretation distinct to specific types of material evidence (e.g., coins, temple art, manuscripts, donative inscriptions) and considering the issues raised by the different patterns in the preservation of such evidence in different locales. Special attention is paid to newly-discovered and neglected sources; to our evidence for trade, migration, and inter-regional cultural exchange; and to geographical locales that served as "contact zones" connecting cultures. In addition, the chapters in this volume represent the rich range of religious traditions across Asia – including Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Shinto, and Chinese religions, as well as Islam and eastern Christianities.

Sacred Objects in Secular Spaces University of Chicago Press
Religious Bodies Politic examines the complex relationship between transnational religion and politics through the lens of one cosmopolitan community in Siberia: Buryats, who live in a semiautonomous republic within Russia with a large Buddhist population. Looking at religious transformation among Buryats across changing political economies, Anya Bernstein argues that under conditions of rapid social change—such as those that accompanied the Russian Revolution, the Cold War, and the fall of the Soviet Union—Buryats have used Buddhist "body politics" to articulate their relationship not only with the Russian state, but also with the larger Buddhist world. During these periods,

Bernstein shows, certain people and their bodies became key sites through which Buryats conformed to and challenged Russian political rule. She presents particular cases of these emblematic bodies—dead bodies of famous monks, temporary bodies of reincarnated lamas, ascetic and celibate bodies of Buddhist monastics, and dismembered bodies of lay disciples given as imaginary gifts to spirits—to investigate the specific ways in which religion and politics have intersected. Contributing to the growing literature on postsocialism and studies of sovereignty that focus on the body, *Religious Bodies Politic* is a fascinating illustration of how this community employed Buddhism to adapt to key moments of political change.

An Introduction Routledge

The acclaimed volumes of Princeton Readings in Religions present the remarkable range of all that is encompassed in the practice of religions, across the centuries and across the world. *Religions of Asia in Practice: An Anthology* brings together into a single volume the most important and fascinating selections from the volumes on Buddhism, India, China, Tibet, and Japan to give an overview of how religions have been lived by both ordinary and extraordinary people throughout the continent of Asia. These materials—many of which had never before been translated into any Western language—include ritual manuals, hagiographical and autobiographical writings, popular commentaries, instructions to children, poetry, and folktales. Each is preceded by a substantial introduction in which the translator discusses the text's history and influence and guides the reader through points of potential difficulty and particular interest. The volume includes, in addition, clear and compelling introductions to each of the

major traditions. *Religions of Asia in Practice: An Anthology* offers a fascinating look at the spectrum of religious practices in Asia over almost three millennia. As such, it is ideally suited for use as a textbook in courses on world or Eastern religions as well as for the general reader.

Exhibiting Asian Religions in Museums Routledge

Ideal for courses in Asian/Eastern religions, *Religions of Asia Today, Second Edition*, covers the same material contained in the authors' longer textbook, *World Religions Today, Fourth Edition*, while also featuring a unique chapter on Islam in Asia. *Religions of Asia Today, Second Edition*, reveals the significance of religion in contemporary life. Hinduism, Buddhism, East Asian Religions, Islam in Asia, indigenous religions, and new religions are explored as dynamic, ongoing forces in the lives of individuals and in the collective experience of modern societies. This unique volume accomplishes two goals: it connects today's Asian religions to their classical beliefs and practices and focuses on how these religions have responded to and been transformed by the modern world. The authors combine thorough coverage of the historical background of each religion with up-to-the-minute discussions of its current practices. This volume is enhanced by numerous pedagogical aids—text boxes, timelines, maps, discussion questions, a comprehensive glossary of key terms, and suggestions for further reading—and more than 100 photographs and illustrations. NEW TO THIS EDITION: * Updates throughout that cover more aspects of the current international situation and developments in religious life around the world * "Rituals and Rites" boxes examining rituals that have changed in practice or meaning over time * "Gender Focus" boxes that highlight gender-

specific customs within each faith * A revised and updated Instructor's Manual and Test Bank on CD containing overviews, learning goals, and summaries for each chapter; lecture outlines; PowerPoint-based lecture slides; fill-in-the-blank, multiple-choice, and true/false test questions; sample essay/discussion questions; flash cards of key terms; and suggested reading, viewing, and links * An updated Companion Website at

www.oup.com/us/esposito featuring all of the material on the Instructor's Manual and additional resources for students ALSO AVAILABLE TO SUIT YOUR COURSE NEEDS: World Religions Today, Fourth Edition (978-0-19-975951-4) Religions of the West Today, Second Edition (978-0-19-975950-7)

Tradition and Today Rowman & Littlefield

"Featuring a unique, consistent, and modular chapter structure-- "Teachings," "History," and "Way of Life"--and numerous pedagogical features, Invitation to Asian Religions invites students to explore Asia's great religions with respect and a sense of wonder. It describes the essential features of each Asian religion and shows how they have responded to basic human needs and to the cultural contexts in which they have developed. The authors also encourage students to develop an appreciation of what religious beliefs and practices actually mean to their adherents"--

Asian Religions in Practice Columbia University Press
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Invitation to Asian Religions UBC Press

The first major study since the 1930s of the relationship between American Transcendentalism and Asian religions, and the first comprehensive work to include post-Civil War Transcendentalists like Samuel Johnson, this book is encyclopedic in scope.

Beginning with the inception of Transcendentalist Orientalism in Europe, Versluis covers the entire history of American Transcendentalism into the twentieth century, and the profound influence of Orientalism on the movement--including its analogues and influences in world religious dialogue. He examines what he calls "positive Orientalism," which recognizes the value and perennial truths in Asian religions and cultures, not only in the writings of major figures like Thoreau and Emerson, but also in contemporary popular magazines. Versluis's exploration of the impact of Transcendentalism on the twentieth-century study of comparative religions has ramifications for the study of religious history, comparative religion, literature, politics, history, and art history.

Asian Religions in America John Wiley & Sons

Originally published in 1997, *Religions of Tibet in Practice* is a landmark work--the first major anthology on the topic ever produced. This new edition--abridged to further facilitate course use--presents a stunning array of works that together offer an unparalleled view of the Tibetan religious landscape over the centuries. Organized thematically, the twenty-eight chapters are testimony to the vast scope of religious practice in the Tibetan world, past and present. *Religions of Tibet in Practice* remains a work of great value to scholars, students, and general readers. *On Heroes, Hero-worship, & the Heroic in History* University of Chicago Press

This comprehensive survey of the religions of India and the Far East offers writings by noted scholars; coverage of the role of religion in everyday life; information on what it is like to be an adherent to each religion; and discussion of religion's influence on gender roles.

American Transcendentalism and Asian Religions W.W. Norton & Company

Nervous, inexperienced, confused. For most, losing your virginity is one of life's most significant moments, always to be remembered. Of course, experiences vary, but Laura Carpenter asks: Is there an ideal way to lose it? What would constitute a "positive" experience? What often compels the big step? And, further, what does "going all the way" really mean for young gays and lesbians? In this first comprehensive study of virginity loss, Carpenter teases out the complexities of all things virgin by drawing on interviews with both young men and women who are straight, gay or bisexual. *Virginity Lost* offers a rare window into one of life's most intimate and significant sexual moments. The

stories here are frank, poignant and fascinating as Carpenter presents an array of experiences that run the gamut from triumphant to devastating. Importantly, Carpenter argues that one's experience of virginity loss can have a powerful impact on one's later sexual experiences. Especially at a time of increased debate about sexual abstinence versus safe sex education in public schools, this important volume will provide essential information about the sex lives of young people.

Religions for Today NYU Press

This introduction to Asia's religions, organized geographically, covers Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Daoism, Shinto, Islam, and newer religious movements, as well as discussing Islam in Asia.

New Faiths, Old Fears Oxford University Press, USA

British Columbia is Canada's most ethnically diverse province. Yet in general we need to know more about the diversity of religions that accompanied immigrants to the province and how they are practised today. This book offers intimate portraits of local religious groups, including Hindus and Sikhs from South Asia; Buddhist organizations from Southeast Asia; and Tibetan, Japanese, and Chinese religions from East and Central Asia. The first comprehensive, comparative examination of Asian religions in British Columbia, this book is mandatory reading for teachers, policy makers, scholars of local history and culture and of Asian Canadian studies.

Exhibiting Asian Religions in Museums Oxford University Press, USA

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The complete, uncensored history of the award-winning *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart, as told by

its correspondents, writers, and host. For almost seventeen years, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart brilliantly redefined the borders between television comedy, political satire, and opinionated news coverage. It launched the careers of some of today's most significant comedians, highlighted the hypocrisies of the powerful, and garnered 23 Emmys. Now the show's behind-the-scenes gags, controversies, and camaraderie will be chronicled by the players themselves, from legendary host Jon Stewart to the star cast members and writers-including Samantha Bee, Stephen Colbert, John Oliver, and Steve Carell - plus some of The Daily Show's most prominent guests and adversaries: John and Cindy McCain, Glenn Beck, Tucker Carlson, and many more. This oral history takes the reader behind the curtain for all the show's highlights, from its origins as Comedy Central's underdog late-night program to Trevor Noah's succession, rising from a scrappy jester in the 24-hour political news cycle to become part of the beating heart of politics-a trusted source for not only comedy but also commentary, with a reputation for calling bullshit and an ability to effect real change in the world. Through years of incisive election coverage, passionate debates with President Obama and Hillary Clinton, feuds with Bill O'Reilly and Fox, and provocative takes on Wall Street and racism, The Daily Show has been a cultural touchstone. Now, for the first time, the people behind the show's seminal moments come together to share their memories of the last-minute rewrites, improvisations, pranks, romances, blow-ups, and moments of Zen both on and off the set of one of America's most groundbreaking shows.

Muslims and Other Asian Immigrants in American Religious Life Praeger

With ANTHOLOGY OF WORLD SCRIPTURES, 9th Edition your students will encounter the most notable and instructive sacred texts from major world religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shinto, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. They will also examine scriptures from new religious movements including Baha'i, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Christian Science Church, and the Unification Church. Most introductory textbooks talk about world religions; this anthology lets them speak for themselves. This anthology presents scripture readings in context, showing students how each religion is actually practiced today, as well as introducing its history, teachings, organization, ethics, and rituals. These selections are supported by introductions, study questions, glossaries, extensive footnotes, timelines, scriptural charts, and suggestions for further reading by the editor. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

The Peoples of Southeast Asia Today Rowman Altamira

Hinduism has two major roots. The more familiar is the religion brought to South Asia in the second millennium BCE by speakers of Aryan or Indo-Iranian languages, a branch of the Indo-European language family. Another, more enigmatic, root is the Indus civilization of the third millennium BCE, which left behind exquisitely carved seals and thousands of short inscriptions in a long-forgotten pictographic script. Discovered in the valley of the Indus River in the early 1920s, the Indus civilization had a population estimated at one million people, in more than 1000 settlements, several of which were cities of some 50,000

inhabitants. With an area of nearly a million square kilometers, the Indus civilization was more extensive than the contemporaneous urban cultures of Mesopotamia and Egypt. Yet, after almost a century of excavation and research the Indus civilization remains little understood. How might we decipher the Indus inscriptions? What language did the Indus people speak? What deities did they worship? Asko Parpola has spent fifty years researching the roots of Hinduism to answer these fundamental questions, which have been debated with increasing animosity since the rise of Hindu nationalist politics in the 1980s. In this pioneering book, he traces the archaeological route of the Indo-

Iranian languages from the Aryan homeland north of the Black Sea to Central, West, and South Asia. His new ideas on the formation of the Vedic literature and rites and the great Hindu epics hinge on the profound impact that the invention of the horse-drawn chariot had on Indo-Aryan religion. Parpola's comprehensive assessment of the Indus language and religion is based on all available textual, linguistic and archaeological evidence, including West Asian sources and the Indus script. The results affirm cultural and religious continuity to the present day and, among many other things, shed new light on the prehistory of the key Hindu goddess Durga and her Tantric cult.