

6 Religions Comparison Chart

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Compares key philosophies, elements, figures, concepts and literature of major world religions to better understand their differences and similarities. Useful for anyone interested in learning more about various aspects of world religion and humanity.

There is a common belief today that "all roads lead to God." While it is noble to respect each other's religious faith, the Bible teaches that the only way a person can be reconciled to God is on God's terms. Here are five "landmarks" that set Christianity apart from other roads. The Bible is the only inspired, infallible Word of God! Historians agree as to the authenticity of the New and Old Testament writings, and contrary to popular belief, transmission of the text was completed with 99.99% precision. Conclusive evidence for the infallibility of the Bible includes: the bibliographicaltest; historical and archaeological confirmations; the Bible's harmony and unity (considering it contains 66 books written over 1,500 years, by 40 authors on 3 continents); and the Bible's fulfilled predictive prophecies. There were 330 specific prophecies about the coming Messiah in the Old Testament--fulfilled with 100% accuracy in the life of Jesus centuries later! God spoke to the Old Testament prophets revealing history in advance because he is outside of time. The Bible itself declares, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God [by the Holy Spirit]" REFERENCE: 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Matthew 5:18, 24:35; Psalm 119:89. COMPARE: No other "written religious authority" in history has provided such purity of text, such historical/archaeological confirmations, and such extensive prophecy fulfilled anywhere near 100% accuracy! GOD HIMSELF IS THE FOUNDER OF CHRISTIANITY. The God of the Bible is the eternal, triune God (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit). He is the creator and sustainer of all life, creating the human race to enjoy a relationship with himself. Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Trinity--God the Son. Jesus humbly took the form of a man and came to earth as Savior to redeem us. Jesus predicted to his disciples that he would die and then rise from the dead three days later, an event which would validate his claims to be God! He did not try to escape death on the cross, but he submitted to it. REFERENCE: John 1:29, 2:19; Philippians 2:6-8; 1 John 4:2; Matthew 12:40, 26:52-54; Titus 2:13; Revelation 13:8. COMPARE: All other religions' "founders" were mere men, not God himself! "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him [Jesus] should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16)! God the Father gave up his Son for us. His gift of eternal life is free to us, but it cost him crucifixion. God loves every person with an unconditional, divine love! He created us to live in relationship with him, but the Bible says that sin and death entered the world through Adam, in the garden of Eden. Thus, all humanity is guilty of sin against God (Romans 3:23). The penalty of sin is spiritual death (Romans 6:23), but Jesus willingly died on the cross, in our place, to pardon us. If we were to ask God to prove his love for us, he would point to the CROSS! REFERENCE: Matthew 26:31,39; Hebrews 9:22, 13:20; Revelation 13:8; Isaiah 53:4-6. COMPARE: No other religions' "founders" loved people so perfectly, nor sacrificed so greatly to prove it! Other religions require human works for redemption. The good news of Christianity is that God has provided us with the way to himself. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST IS THE CENTRAL PILLAR OF CHRISTIANITY, and the evidence for its historicity is conclusive. We have the actual eyewitness accounts of this event in the Gospels of Matthew, John, etc.; the empty tomb, despite the presence of the Roman guards, the transformation of the apostles, and the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. By his resurrection Jesus conquered sin and death, thereby offering new life, eternal life, to us! Jesus declared, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). REFERENCE: John 11:25; Acts 1:3; Hebrews 12:2; Matthew 17:9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. COMPARE: No other religions' "founders" ever conquered death by resurrection (returning to life). JESUS CHRIST CLAIMS TO BE THE ONLY WAY TO ETERNAL SALVATION. In his own words Jesus declared: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Logically, if there really is a God, then we must come to him by his own prescribed way! That prescribed road, according to the God of the Bible, is by faith in Jesus Christ! Religions are based on various systems of works, whereas Christianity is based on Jesus and what he has already done for us! REFERENCE: John 14:6; Matthew 25:41; Acts 4:12; John 3:16; Romans 10:9; 1 Peter 3:18. COMPARE: Other religions and philosophies claim that all roads lead to God, but their contradictory beliefs cannot be reconciled. THEREFORE . . . It cannot be true that "all roads lead to God." The various teachings about God from different religions contradict each other in critical ways. God cannot at the same time be both impersonal and personal, both singular and triune, both finite and infinite, both knowable and unknowable. There is no way to reconcile the various worldviews, such as pantheism, monotheism, and polytheism. Therefore, logically, either none of them--or only one--is true! The real issue is Truth, an issue of infinite importance. IN CONCLUSION: Jesus Christ voluntarily died on a Roman cross 2,000 years ago to pay the penalty for our sins and to demonstrate his love for us. He was "God himself who came in the flesh"--the promised Messiah. The gospel of grace is: Whoever believes in the biblical Jesus Christ--who lived, died, and then three days later resurrected--will have eternal life in heaven! God longs to have a personal relationship with you through his Son, Jesus Christ, who says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone

hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

REFERENCE: Revelation 3:20; John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; John 11:25 WHAT'S NEXT? - Read the Bible and Scriptures in the references above to learn more about God. - Believe that Jesus died for you on the cross, came back to life from the grave, and is your only way to heaven. - Pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for saving me from my sins. I believe that you are my Savior, and I now receive you into my life, so I can have forgiveness and life in eternity with you.

Now available in the King James translation (KJV), the KJV Apologetics Study Bibles helps today's Christians better understand, defend, and proclaim their beliefs in an age of increasing moral and spiritual relativism. This revised and updated edition includes articles and extensive Christian apologetics Bible study material from today's leading apologists to reflect and provide deeper understanding of the relevant apologetics issues and questions being discussed today.

Includes commentary from over 90 leading apologists, among them: Ted Cabal, Lee Strobel, Chuck Colson, Paul Copan, Norm Geisler, Hank Hanegraaff, Josh McDowell, Albert Mohler, J.P. Moreland, Ravi Zacharias, and many more -- plus a lead article by Lee Strobel (The Case for Christ). Features included in the KJV Study Bible: Apologetics focused study notes Apologetics articles from leading apologists "Twisted Scripture" explanations for commonly misunderstood passages Profiles of Christian apologists Designed pages Presentation page Book Introductions Words of Christ in red Two-column text 9.75-point type size Smyth-sewn binding Ribbon marker Full-color maps The KJV Apologetics Study Bible features the authorized version of the King James translation (KJV). The KJV Christian Bible is one of the bestselling versions of all time and captures the beauty and majesty of God's Word for those who love the rich heritage and reverent language of this rendering of the Holy Bible. Whether you're looking for a Christian devotional Bible, a great resource for your Bible studies or a study Bible for women, men, or students, KJV Bibles by Holman help you deepen your relationship with God.

This book provides an accessible critical introduction to how some of the key philosophies of the East compare with those in the West. Understanding Eastern Philosophy provides an accessible critical introduction to how some of the key philosophies of the East compare with those in the West. Starting from a discussion of the problems of distinguishing between religions and philosophies, Ray Billington presents a clear picture of the key tenets behind Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Jainism and Confucianism. Moving on to compare the key themes of religious philosophy that cut across East and West, such as a belief in God, the soul, moral decision-making, nature and authority, Understanding Eastern Philosophy presents a fascinating and controversial picture of the contribution theistic religions have to make. With its belief in a personal God bestowing a particular version of 'truth', Ray Billington concludes that the universal mysticism characteristic of Eastern thought provides a more realistic and rewarding path than is commonly supposed in the West. Understanding Eastern Philosophy assumes no prior knowledge of religion or philosophy.

This 6-session (30 minutes each) DVD-based curriculum leader's guide is for small groups that wish to study the differences between various religions and cult groups from a Christian perspective.

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Featuring a unique, consistent, and modular chapter structure--"Teachings," "History," and "Way of Life"--and numerous pedagogical features, Invitation to Western Religions invites students to explore the world's great religions with respect and a sense of wonder. This chapter structure enables students to navigate Western religions--Indigenous Religions of North America, Indigenous Religions of Africa, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and New Religious Movements--in a consistent and systematic way and helps students to make comparisons between religions. The book describes the essential features of each Western religion and shows how they have responded to basic human needs and to the cultural contexts in which they developed.

The authors also encourage students to develop an appreciation for what religious beliefs and practices actually mean to their adherents. FEATURES: A consistent, modular chapter structure--"Teachings," "History," and "Ways of Life"--enables students to navigate each religion in a consistent and systematic way and helps them to make comparisons between religions A lucid and accessible writing style imparts a sense of invitation, welcoming students into the beliefs and practices of religious adherents around the world A large team of authors with diverse specialties ensures that each religion is covered with true expertise "Voices" present personal, candid interviews with a diverse array of people sharing the ways in which they live their faiths "Seeking Answers" sections at the end of each chapter encourage students to compare the ways in which different religions address the same essential questions "Visual Guides" offer keys to important religious symbols in easy-to-read tables for quick reference and comparison Chapter-opening maps and timelines throughout the text provide geographical, social, and political context for each religion's development "For Review" and "For Further Reflection" questions prompt students to reexamine essential concepts and invite students to think critically and to engage in deeper analyses Key terms are boldfaced at their first appearance and defined in the glossaries that follow each chapter and also in the glossary at the back of the book Suggestions for further reading direct students to some of the best and most recent print and online resources on each tradition Also available to suit your course needs: Invitation to World Religions, Second Edition: 978-0-19-937836-4 Invitation to Asian Religions: 978-0-19-021126-4

The third position of interest is the market approach. One issue that needs to be examined here is whether the degree of separation of church and state and religious pluralism affect the vitality of the religious field or not. Proponents of the market approach claim that the modern age is not necessarily diminishing religion but can even foster it, namely because it always falls short of its own (Finke/Stark 1988, 2006; Iannaccone 1991; Stark/Iannaccone 1994; Iannaccone/Finke/Stark 1997; Warner 1993). According to them, it mainly stimulates religious productivity due to the economic principle of competition. The more pluralistic the religious field and the more market-oriented its organizational forms (and exactly this is assumed to happen in modern times), the more religious vitality is encouraged: under competitive conditions, the providers of religious services are forced to face the particular challenge of retaining their members and of attracting new members, responding to the needs of their clientele and offering efficient services. However, if one particular church holds a religious monopoly, its officials become indifferent and "lazy"; they lose their ability to be socially responsive. Much like in business, competition is good for religion, too. Besides, customers who are dissatisfied with a religious product in a pluralistic religious market can look for another religious product to better suit their needs, while their only alternative in a monopolistic religious structure is to turn away from religion altogether.

Includes information regarding - Christianity - Judaism -Islam - Buddhism - Hinduism - Mormonism - Unification Church - Jehovah's Witnesses - Christian Science - Scientology - Unity School of Christianity -New Age - Spiritualism - Hare Krishna - Armstrongism (latest updates) - Nichiren Shoshu Buddhism Baha'i World Faith - Transcendental Meditation (TM)

Explains the basic beliefs, customs, and rituals of twelve different world religions, and includes information about tribal and native religions of Africa, North America, and Australia.

This series provides concise, biblical answers about perplexing religious groups. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

Kwon explores how Korea's two major religious groups, Buddhists and Protestants, have emigrated and how their religious beliefs affect their adjustments after immigration. Kwon bases his study on a survey of 114 Korean congregations, participatory observation of a Buddhist temple and a Protestant church, and in-depth interviews with 109 devout immigrants. He finds that non-religious variables-urban background, educational level, and social class-have a greater effect on adjustment to the host society than religion does. Religious congregations promote members' social capital for adjustment, but at the same religious participation serves as a barrier to assimilation.

"Religions speak in symbols-fire, cloud, hills and high places, darkness and light, incense, candles, colors. Religions, though, perhaps love water best. Buddhists use water for blessing. Hindus purify themselves in rivers. Christians undergo baptism in water as a rite of initiation. Followers of Islam and Shinto cleanse themselves with water before prayer. Water means change, purification, and new beginnings. Because water can signify so much to us, it is the major symbol of this book. By studying many religions, we also hope to be cleansed and brought to new life. This book was written for my students. Keeping their needs in mind, I have tried to provide what is essential and to present it in clear language. I want to talk about doctrine and practice. Yet I also hope to show some of those things that have captivated me: religious music, art, and architecture. I want to show my respect for all religious traditions, both in a scholarly and an approachable way. Finally, I hope to invite students not only to read about religions, but also to experience them firsthand. It is like the difference between reading maps of a country and then actually traveling on its roads and seeing its sights. Experience brings the prize"--

Authors John Ankerberg and Dillon Burroughs continue their exciting What's the Big Deal? series with concise, informative answers to the many questions people are asking about the major religious groups in the world. The groups in this book are so widespread that readers are likely to encounter their followers in their own neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. Which makes it important to understand what they believe, and why. Included in this volume are Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Mormonism, and the Jehovah's Witnesses. And for each group, readers will discover... the origins and history the key teachings and leaders the major writings the traditions and special observances how they differ from Christianity Ankerberg and Burroughs are masterful at focusing on the key essentials readers need to know. And they include many exclusive interviews with experts, as well as numerous fascinating insights--all of which makes for compelling reading.

Prepare for the CEH training course and exam by gaining a solid foundation of knowledge of key fundamentals such as operating systems, databases, networking, programming, cloud, and virtualization. Based on this foundation, the book moves ahead with simple concepts from the hacking world. The Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) Foundation Guide also takes you through various career paths available upon completion of the CEH course and also prepares you to face job interviews when applying as an ethical hacker. The book explains the concepts with the help of practical real-world scenarios and examples. You'll also work with hands-on exercises at the end of each chapter to get a feel of the subject. Thus this book would be a valuable resource to any individual planning to prepare for the CEH certification course. What You Will Learn Gain the basics of hacking (apps, wireless devices, and mobile platforms) Discover useful aspects of databases and operating systems from a hacking perspective Develop sharper programming and networking skills for the exam Explore the penetration testing life cycle Bypass security appliances like IDS, IPS, and honeypots Grasp the key concepts of cryptography Discover the career paths available after certification Revise key interview questions for a certified ethical hacker Who This Book Is For Beginners in the field of ethical hacking and information security, particularly those who are interested in the CEH course and certification.

Is evil a state of mind that can be changed? Is there a latent divinity in us all? Is there a personal God? The answers to these questions given by the mind sciences: groups such as Christian Science, Religious Science, and the Unity School of Christianity are not the same ones given by orthodox Christianity. Moreover, these mind sciences appeal to many people who seek cures to illness that conventional medicine and Christianity do not offer. Can we put our trust in them? Why this series? This is an age when countless groups and movements, old and new, mark the religious landscape in our culture, leaving many people confused or uncertain in their search for spiritual truth and meaning. Because few people have the time or opportunity to research these movements fully, these books provide essential information and insights for their spiritual journeys. Each book has five sections: - A concise introduction to the group - An overview of the group's theology in its own words - Tips for witnessing effectively to members of the group - A bibliography with sources for further study - A comparison chart that shows the essential differences between biblical Christianity and the group -- The writers of these volumes are well qualified to present clear and reliable information and help us discern religious truth from falsehood.

People and Events Every Christian Should Know In this 12-session DVD-based study, Dr. Timothy Paul Jones takes you through the most important events in Christian history from the time of the apostles to today. He brings to life the fascinating people and events that shaped our world. This isn't dry names and dates. It's full of dramatic stories told with a touch of humor. This series, based on Dr. Jones's popular award-winning book Christian History Made Easy, ties in spiritual lessons believers can glean by looking at the past, and shows how God was still working in his church despite all the ups and downs. You will learn: • The fascinating stories of people such as St. Patrick, Martin Luther, and Augustine. • People who changed history: Constantine, Charlemagne, and Francis of Assisi • How we got the Bible that we read today — John Wycliffe, William Tyndale and others. • The Middle Ages and the Reformation: Kings and Queens, Monks

and Reformers • Where church doctrines and practices originated. • How the Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant churches came to be. • Reason and Revival - How modernity and the scientific revolution affected Christianity. • How Christianity has spread around the world You don't have to be an expert to lead this 12-session study. Perfect for small groups, Bible studies, or personal use. Ages: Young adult to adult. The Sessions The 12 sessions cover major eras and topics with plenty of stories and humor. You'll cover the early church, monasticism, medieval conflicts, the Protestant Reformation, the Great Awakening, 19th-century missions, modernity, and postmodernism.

Fast, informed answers to the challenges of false religions -- This is an age when countless groups and movements, new and old, mark the religious landscape in our culture. As a result, many people are confused or uncertain in their search for spiritual truth and meaning. Because few people have the time or opportunity to research these movements fully, the Zondervan Guide to Cults and Religious Movements series provides essential information and insights for their spiritual journeys. The second wave of books in this series addresses a broad range of spiritual beliefs, from non-Trinitarian Christian sects to witchcraft and neo-paganism to classic non-Christian religions such as Buddhism and Hinduism. All books but the summary volume, Truth and Error, contain five sections: -A concise introduction to the group being surveyed -An overview of the group's theology — in its own words -Tips for witnessing effectively to members of the group -A bibliography with sources for further study -A comparison chart that shows the essential differences between biblical Christianity and the group -- Truth and Error, the last book in the series, consists of parallel doctrinal charts compiled from all the other volumes. Three distinctives make this series especially useful to readers: -Information is carefully distilled to bring out truly essential points, rather than requiring readers to sift their way through a sea of secondary details. -Information is presented in a clear, easy-to-follow outline form with "menu bar" running heads. This format greatly assists the reader in quickly locating topics and details of interest. -Each book meets the needs and skill levels of both nontechnical and technical readers, providing an elementary level of refutation and progressing to a more advanced level using arguments based on the biblical text. The writers of these volumes are well qualified to present clear and reliable information and help readers to discern truth from falsehood.

Religious Conversion: An African Perspective includes a selection of key texts which are not easily accessible elsewhere. Most of the chapters discuss the long-standing thesis of Robin Horton who argues that religious change results from social transformation. The contributors provide different perspectives on what remains an ongoing provocative, though inconclusive debate. The book has chapters on conversion in Africa from such authorities as Robin Horton, Humphrey Fisher, and Richard Gray. It also contains chapters on Zambia by Elizaebeth Colson, Brendan Carmody, Austin Cheyeka, Felix Phiri and W Van Binsbergen. This collection of chapters provides an introduction to the discussion surrounding the query: Did the Christian and Muslim messages bring something fundamentally new to the African religious horizon? What has indigenisation meant? What is the role of traditional religion?

Preparing students to become informed, critical consumers of research, this accessible text builds essential skills for understanding research reports, evaluating the implications for evidence-based practice, and communicating findings to different audiences. It demystifies qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods designs and provides step-by-step procedures for judging the strengths and limitations of any study. Excerpts from real research reports are used as opportunities to develop methodological knowledge and practice analytic skills. Based on sound pedagogic principles, the text is structured for diverse learning styles: visual learners (concept maps, icons), active learners (building-block exercises and templates for writing), and story learners (examples, reading guides, and reflections). Pedagogical Features *Rubrics, checklists of steps to take, and reading guides that walk students through analyzing different types of research articles. *Journal abstracts with questions that home in on key aspects of a study. *Exemplars of each type of study, with descriptions of methodological and design choices. *End-of-chapter skills-building exercises that lead up to writing a research review essay. *Chapter appendices featuring sample responses to the exercises.

This text gives students a framework for their comparative study of religion that includes full, in-depth descriptions of each "way of being religious."

Over the course of his career, Luther H. Martin has primarily produced articles rather than monographs. This approach to publication has given him the opportunity to experiment with different methodological approaches to an academic study of religion, with updates to and different interpretations of his field of historical specialization, namely Hellenistic religions, the subject of his only monograph (1987). The contents of this collected volume represent Martin's shift from comparative studies, to socio-political studies, to scientific studies of religion, and especially to the cognitive science of religion. He currently considers the latter to be the most viable approach for a scientific study of religion within the academic context of a modern research university. The twenty-five contributions collected in this volume are selected from over one hundred essays, articles, and book chapters published over a long and industrious career and are representative of Martin's work over the past two decades.

The European religious landscape is changing fundamentally. Are we experiencing a decline, revival, recycling or transformation of religion? Moreover, will Europe become a museum of religions or a laboratory of new religious experiences? A group of experts from different disciplines and nationalities, meeting in Pecs, Hungary - the European Capital of Culture 2010 -, examines in detail, the contrasting developments around the religious lives of individuals, communities, institutions, emerging from processes of secularisation, relativisation, and privatisation ("believing without belonging"). What emerges is a picture of very contrasting mega-trends, with positive and negative aspects, characterised, for example, by a sharp decline in traditional situations as well as the emergence of new situations rich of flurries, which are featured mostly under the so-called "creative minorities." On which heritage of ultimate values does the EU and its member states, want to base the cohesion of the new society, while respecting cultural diversities and religious pluralism? What happens in the world of religions cannot be side-lined, if we are looking for an appropriate response. Important indications can be provided by the way in which, the heads of religious institutions, as well as communities and individuals live in "possible dialogue," in a European society that is increasingly multicultural, multi-ethnic and multi-religious. The analysis of on-going experiences in Europe shows that a truly constructive dialogue can give a vital contribution to the

strengthening of social cohesion and democracy. But what are the real terms in this confrontation? In other words, what is tolerable? And, what is acceptable? European experts, who have worked with a multidisciplinary and systemic approach of the analysis of these phenomena, attended the initiatives of the European Research Group R.I.P.E. - Religious Innovation and Pluralism in 21st Century Europe, which was founded in 2006, by P

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The United States is one of the most religious places on earth, but it is also a nation of shocking religious illiteracy. Only 10 percent of American teenagers can name all five major world religions and 15 percent cannot name any. Nearly two-thirds of Americans believe that the Bible holds the answers to all or most of life's basic questions, yet only half of American adults can name even one of the four gospels and most Americans cannot name the first book of the Bible. Despite this lack of basic knowledge, politicians and pundits continue to root public policy arguments in religious rhetoric whose meanings are missed—or misinterpreted—by the vast majority of Americans. "We have a major civic problem on our hands," says religion scholar Stephen Prothero. He makes the provocative case that to remedy this problem, we should return to teaching religion in the public schools. Alongside "reading, writing, and arithmetic," religion ought to become the "Fourth R" of American education. Many believe that America's descent into religious illiteracy was the doing of activist judges and secularists hell-bent on banishing religion from the public square. Prothero reveals that this is a profound misunderstanding. "In one of the great ironies of American religious history," Prothero writes, "it was the nation's most fervent people of faith who steered us down the road to religious illiteracy. Just how that happened is one of the stories this book has to tell." Prothero avoids the trap of religious relativism by addressing both the core tenets of the world's major religions and the real differences among them. Complete with a dictionary of the key beliefs, characters, and stories of Christianity, Islam, and other religions, Religious Literacy reveals what every American needs to know in order to confront the domestic and foreign challenges facing this country today.

Provides a detailed glimpse into the philosophy and practices of the religions of the world, describing the belief system, doctrine, ideology and conventions of each as well as illustrations and artwork to help make complex ideas more accessible.

Describes the geography, climate, wildlife, and natural resources of Africa.

Doubt is familiar territory for Lee Strobel, the former atheist and award-winning author of books for skeptics and Christians. But he believes that faith and reason go hand in hand, and that Christianity is a defensible religion. In this six-session video curriculum, Strobel uses his journalistic approach to explore the most common emotional obstacles to faith in Christ. These include the natural inclination to wrestle with faith and doubt, the troubling presence of evil and suffering in the world, and the exclusivity of the Christian gospel. They also include this compelling question: Can I doubt and be a Christian? Through compelling video of personal stories and experts addressing these topics, combined with reflection and interaction, Christians and spiritual seekers will learn how to overcome these obstacles, deepen their spiritual convictions, and find new confidence that Christianity is a reasonable faith.

Social changes are a gradual process, the result of constant effort and support. They cannot be compared to chemical reactions or sudden occurrences. Changes in societies have occurred only when those were ready for change in attitudes and thinking patterns. Christian missionary activities have contributed greatly to the process of awakening system changes, through which many of the socio-religious traditions of the subaltern population in India are reinterpreted in view of better living standards. Religious conversions to Christianity are a burning issue in the socio-political scenario of modern India. What makes the subaltern communities to embrace Christianity? Should the church continue her mission of making God and the gospel of Jesus Christ known to the people of India? Taking into account such facts this study is an analysis of the Christian missionary activities in India specifically among the Saora tribe of Orissa. It is an attempt to explore the positive and negative areas of Christian influence for socio-religious changes in the course of modernisation within this tribe in the model of 'Comprehensive theory of traditions'.

A Best Book of the Year: The Washington Post • Chicago Tribune • NPR • Vogue • Elle • Real Simple • InStyle • Good Housekeeping • Parade • Slate • Vox • Kirkus Reviews • Library Journal • BookPage Longlisted for the 2020 Booker Prize An Instant New York Times Bestseller A Reese's Book Club Pick "The most provocative page-turner of the year." --Entertainment Weekly "I urge you to read Such a Fun Age." --NPR A striking and surprising debut novel from an exhilarating new voice, Such a Fun Age is a page-turning and big-hearted story about race and privilege, set around a young black babysitter, her well-intentioned employer, and a surprising connection that threatens to undo them both. Alix Chamberlain is a woman who gets what she wants and has made a living, with her confidence-driven brand, showing other women how to do the same. So she is shocked when her babysitter, Emira Tucker, is confronted while watching the Chamberlains' toddler one night, walking the aisles of their local high-end supermarket. The store's security guard, seeing a young black woman out late with a white child, accuses Emira of kidnapping two-year-old Briar. A small crowd gathers, a bystander films everything, and Emira is furious and humiliated. Alix resolves to make things right. But Emira herself is aimless, broke, and wary of Alix's desire to help. At twenty-five, she is about to lose her health insurance and has no idea what to do with her life. When the video of Emira unearths someone from Alix's past, both women find themselves on a crash course that will upend everything they think they know about themselves, and each other. With empathy and piercing social commentary, Such a Fun Age explores the stickiness of transactional relationships, what it means to make someone "family," and the complicated reality of being a grown up. It is a searing debut for our times.

Religious studies and research have gained a lot of interest and attention from researchers, policy makers, and practitioners over the last few years, but the socio-economic impacts have not been explored. Taking into account the profound economic impact the tourism and hospitality industries can have on regions and cities around the world, further research in this area is critical to analyze the extent of such impact and the ramifications that are associated with it. The Handbook of Research on Socio-Economic Impacts of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage is a pivotal reference source that provides vital research on the social and economic factors in faith-based journeys. While highlighting topics such as tourist spending, spiritual tourism, and local development, this publication explores religious tourism in the middle age, as well as the methods of modern religious tourism. This book is ideally designed for business managers, cultural preservationists, academicians, business professionals, entrepreneurs, and upper-level students seeking current research on religious tourism and its socio-economic impacts.

The Resource Guide to Getting Published A unique guide to publishing for Christian readers, the Christian Writers' Market Guide 2008 offers the most proven and comprehensive collection of ideas, resources, and contact information to the industry. For more than twenty years, the Christian Writers' Market Guide has delivered indispensable help to Christian writers, from a CD-ROM of the full text of the book so you can easily search for topics, publishers, and other specific names; to up-to-date listings of more than 1,200 markets for books, articles, stories, poetry, and greeting cards, including forty-three new book publishers, fifty-one new periodicals, and fifteen new literary agencies. Perfect for writers in every phase, this is the resource you need to get noticed—and published. "An indispensable tool. The reference you have to buy." Writers' Journal "Essential for anyone seeking to be published in the Christian community." The Midwest Book Review "Stands out from the rest with its wealth of information and helpful hints." Book Reviews for Church Librarians Completely updated and revised the Guide features

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For billions of people, having a religious belief system provides purpose in life. For some, religion serves as a guide for moral behavior. Today's world is one in which our understanding of world religions is both understatedly important, as well as increasingly complex. After many years exploring the foundations of various world religions, Jason Boyett has written this comprehensive, easy-to-understand exploration of the twelve major world religions through a meticulous, yet unbiased lens. 12 Major World Religions offers an impartial look at where each of these belief systems intersects, how they differ, and why some have been?or are currently?misunderstood.

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