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In this dynamic series of lectures recorded in 1965 and 1969, Alan Watts joyfully takes us on an exploration of Buddhism, from its roots in India over 2,500 years ago to the explosion of interest in Zen and the Tibetan tradition in the West. These lectures have been transcribed and edited by the author's son, Mark Watts, who also provides an introduction that sets them in their historical context. This book then begins with *Journey From India*, which presents a brief explanation of the Indian worldview and cosmology followed by a discussion of the important differences between Hinduism and Buddhism. *The Middle Way* offers an insight into the radical methods of the Mahayana, or "great vehicle," and reviews the basic Buddhist terms and teaching, including the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path. Alan Watts then turns his attention to Zen and Tibetan Buddhism in the remaining four chapters. In *Religion of No-Religion* he discusses how the Buddha taught the method of awakening through the experience of no-self, no-concept, and no-religion. This technique of short-circuiting the mind is seen today in the method of instruction centered upon Zen koans. In contrast to the intellectual methods of Zen, the Tibetan, or Vajrayana school, retained much more of the original Indian flavor of Mahayana Buddhism, and in *Wisdom of the Mountains* Watts provides an introduction to Tibetan Buddhism by explaining its unique practices. In the final chapter, *Transcending Duality*, Alan Watts explores the male and female symbolism of Tantric yoga and explores the unity of polar opposites as a form of resonance.

Multiculturalism in the United States is commonly lauded as a positive social ideal celebrating the diversity of our nation. But, in reality, immigrants often feel pressured to create a singular formulation of their identity that does not reflect the diversity of cultures that exist in their homeland. Hindu Americans have faced this challenge over the last fifteen years, as the number of Indians that have immigrated to this country has more than doubled. In *A Place at the Multicultural Table*, Prema A. Kurien shows how various Hindu American organizations--religious, cultural, and political--are attempting to answer the puzzling questions of identity outside their homeland. Drawing on the experiences of both immigrant and American-born Hindu Americans, Kurien demonstrates how religious ideas and practices are being imported, exported, and reshaped in the process. The result of this transnational movement is an American Hinduism--an organized, politicized, and standardized version of that which is found in India. This first in-depth look at Hinduism in the United States and the Hindu Indian American community helps readers to understand the private devotions, practices, and beliefs of Hindu Indian Americans as well as their political mobilization and activism. It explains the differences between immigrant and American-born Hindu Americans, how both understand their religion and their identity, and it emphasizes the importance of the social and cultural context of the United States in influencing the development of an American Hinduism.

A detailed case study of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) in Britain. The book studies the particular development of a new religious movement within the context of Britain, and issues relating to minority religions' place within a multicultural but still hegemonically Christian society.

In 1839 a diverse group of Hindu leaders began gathering in Calcutta to share and propagate their faith in a non-idolatrous form of worship. The group, known as the Tattvabodhini Sabha, met weekly to worship and hear discourses from members on the virtues of a rational and morally responsible mode of worship. They called upon ancient sources of Hindu spirituality to guide them in developing a form of modern theism they referred to as "Vedanta." In this book, Brian Hatcher translates these hitherto unknown discourses and situates them against the backdrop of religious and social change in early colonial Calcutta. Apart from bringing to light the theology and moral vision of an association that was to have a profound influence on religious and intellectual life in nineteenth-century Bengal, Hatcher's analysis promotes reflection on a variety of topics central to understanding the development of modern forms of Hindu belief and practice.

For thousands of years, spiritual seekers as well as ordinary people have immersed themselves in the sacred writings of Hinduism, finding there the answers to life's deepest questions. As relevant today as ever, these scriptures, breathtaking in their beauty and transforming power, are still undiscovered by most Westerners, who find their complexity daunting. *Windows into the Infinite: A Guide to the Hindu Scriptures* has come to the rescue. In a highly readable style, the author takes the readers step-by-step through each of the major Hindu scriptures, clarifying the principal themes, figures and terms as well as demonstrating their significance. While this unique book is of enormous value to spiritual aspirants as well as people with a general curiosity about Hinduism, it is also ideal for the academic environment. With its systematic format, extensive glossary, cross-referenced index and diagrams, it is an invaluable reference source.

Constructs a history of an untouchable and heretical community, the Satnamis of Central India.

This text argues that Hindu nationalism is not only destructive of communal relations, but that it also prevents Hinduism from emerging as a world religion. It presents a vision of Hinduism as a tradition capable of pointing the way towards a future in which all the religions manifest complementary visions of a larger reality.

Annotation Rammohun Roy (1772-1833) and Dayananda Sarasvati (1824-1883) are two of the best-known nineteenth-century Hindu reformers. Despite radically different backgrounds, both wrote scathing attacks on the practice of image worship, which they scorned as "idolatry"--The fount, in their estimation, of all that was going wrong in India. They were Hindu iconoclasts. This presents an apparent anomaly--the denunciation of images is not typically associated with Hinduism or the Indian religion, yet both Rammohun and Dayananda made it a linchpin of their reformist programs. How, then, is this anomaly to be explained? Did they borrow this image-rejection from Islamic or Protestant Christian attitudes, or does it have roots in the indigenous Indic tradition? Or could it originate in the life experience of the two men? Noel Salmond investigates these questions through the examination of the lives and writings of the two reformers. He suggests that to explain it as diffusion from other religions is inadequate, while declaring that explanation via independent invention, i.e., life experiences, might need some refinement. This study situates modern Hindu iconoclasm both in the history of specifically Indian religions, and as a phenomenon in the history of specifically Indian religions, and as a phenomenon in the history of religions in general, as image-rejection across cultures. The book concludes with a discussion of image-rejection and modernization and the impact of Rammohun and Dayananda's iconoclasm on India.

In this volume, leading American, European, and Indian scholars including John E. Cort, Friedhelm Hardy, Padmanabh S. Jaini, Laurie L. Patton, A. K. Ramanujan, Velcheru Narayana Rao, and David Shulman discuss the subject of the Puran'as, focusing particularly on the relationship between the "Great Puran'as" of the Sanskrit tradition and the many other sorts of Puran'as. The Puran'as are essentially collections of stories dealing with all aspects of myth, ritual, science, and history, and the authors of these essays are all superb storytellers. Describes the ancient city of Varanasi, also known as Banaras or Benares, and discusses Hindu beliefs concerning the city and the river it was built upon, the Ganges

Hindus make a clear distinction between morality and spirituality, for their aim is not merely to become perfect human beings but to become one with the personal God through love in union with him or to become identified with the universal Spirit of the Absolute. They propose, besides morality, higher paths of spiritual wisdom and love of God. The book deals with the religious quest of Hinduism, the seers and God-men as founders of Hindu spirituality, faith in the guru, the ideal of the spiritual person (sadhu), Hindu hospitality and tolerance, the Hindu way to peace, the experience of God through love and union, and finally, the Hindu meaning of death and eschatology.

Many authors have written on the effects technology, economics, and politics have on globalization, but few have addressed the potential impact of world religions on the future direction of globalization. *The Future of Peace and Justice in the Global Village: The Role of the World Religions in the 21st Century* is intended to fill this vacuum. It addresses the part the world's major religions will play in bringing either greater

peace and justice, or hatred and hostility to the global village.

This book provides a comprehensive survey of the Hindu tradition, dealing with the history of Hinduism, the sacred writings of the Hindus, the Hindu worldview, and the specifics of the major branches of Hinduism--Vaisnavism, Saivism, and Saktism. It also focuses on the geographical ties of Hinduism with the land of India, the social order created by Hinduism, and the various systems of Hindu philosophical-theological thought. Klostermaier describes the new development of Hinduism in the 19th and 20th centuries, including present-day political Hinduism and the efforts to turn Hinduism into a modern-world religion. A unique feature of this book is its treatment of Hinduism in a topical fashion, rather than by chronological description of the development of Hinduism or by summary of the literature. The complexities of Hindu life and thought are thus made real to the reader. Hindus will recognize it as their own tradition. A glossary and a chronological table are useful additional features.

This book provides a description and interpretation of the religion of the Hindus, focusing on their religious psychology and behaviour.

Rejecting familiar assumptions about early Hinduism, Nirad C. Chaudhuri makes a reassessment of its formative influences.

"This innovative book explores religion through music - the source of spiritual elation, social cohesion, and empowerment in cultures around the world."--BOOK JACKET.

Compares the centrality of sound in Hindu theology to its place in other religions.

Retaining all the beloved qualities of Huston Smith's classic *The World's Religions*, this stunning pictorial presentation refines the text to its wonderful essentials. In detailed, absorbing, richly illustrated, and highly readable chapters on Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Islam, Judaism, Christianity, and primal religions, we find refreshing and fascinating presentations of both the differences and the similarities among the worldwide religious traditions. The approach is at once classic and contemporary, retaining all the empathy, eloquence, and erudition that millions of readers love about the earlier edition, while being edited and designed for a contemporary general readership. This delightful marriage of engaging text and remarkable pictures vividly brings to life the scope and vision of Huston Smith's expertise and insight.

A guide to the general study of religion.

Modern Hindu Thought: The Essential Texts presents biographies of thinkers such as Dayanand, Ramakrishna, Vivekananda, Keshub Chandra Sen and Gandhi, along with extracts from key writings.

Shows that many so-called "pluralist" theologies are actually masks for a secularizing agenda and that the doctrine of the Trinity holds more potential for interreligious understanding and dialogue. D'Costa recommends the Trinitarian approach which attains the goals that pluralism seeks: openness, respect, and learning from other religions. It accomplishes this without the reductionism associated with pluralism and by examining the serious differences between traditions. He applies the Trinity to interreligious prayer with surprising results.

HinduismQED Books

Part of the 'World of Faiths' series, this book looks at Hinduism. It features its key beliefs, how it is practised around the world, religious buildings and places, key figures and leaders, and festivals and traditions.

In a study of religious and spiritual tradition, the author of *Ayythia* and *By the Grace of Guile* contends that religion is a series of strategies to influence human nature so that people may think, feel, and act in ways that are good for them, both individually and collectively.

Compares and contrasts the tenets of Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, explaining their history, establishment, leaders, struggles, and their forms and guises in the modern world

This book was written by a Hindu, the grandson of Mohandas K. Gandhi. His intent, in writing on eight Muslims and their influence on India in the twentieth century, is to reduce the gulf between Hindu and Muslims. Focusing on figures viewed as heroes by sub-continent Muslims, he shows that they can be admired by Hindus as well--that they need not be frozen in Hindu minds as foes. Here is a fascinating account of twentieth-century India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh told through biographical sketches of eight men: Sayyid Ahmed Khan (1817-1898), Fazlul Huq (1873-1962), Muhammad Ali Jinnah (1876-1948), Muhammad Iqbal (1876-1938), Muhammad Ali (1878-1931), Abul Kalam Azad (1888-1958), Liaqat Ali Khan (1895-1951), and Zakir Husain (1897-1969).

This book revolves around the life experience and teachings of Mumtaz Ali. It deals with some of the deeper aspects of Hinduism and will be of great interest to students of Hinduism, contemporary religion and seekers for truth around the world.

Popular Hinduism is shaped, above all, by worship of a multitude of powerful divine beings--a superabundance indicated by the proverbial total of 330 million gods and goddesses. The fluid relationship between these beings and humans is a central theme of this rich and accessible study of popular Hinduism in the context of the society of contemporary India.

Lucidly organized and skillfully written, *The Camphor Flame* brings clarity to an immensely complicated subject. C. J. Fuller combines ethnographic case studies with comparative anthropological analysis and draws on textual and historical scholarship as well. The book's new afterword brings the study up-to-date by examining the relationship between popular Hinduism and contemporary Hindu nationalism.

Surveys literature concerned with the history, beliefs, and institutions of the world's great religions, giving heavy preference to works in English

What effect does the Islamic attitude toward abortion have upon the family size and growth of Muslim populations? How do the Sukuma people of Tanzania react to the birth of an abnormal child, and why do their reactions differ so radically from those of Roman Catholics in Pennsylvania? Why were one sixth of all brides in English rural parishes between the late sixteenth and early nineteenth centuries pregnant at marriage, and what does this tell us about Christian practices during that period? No society exists in which religion does not play a significant part in the lives of ordinary people. Yet the functions of the world's diverse religions for human beings have never been fully described and analyzed, nor has the impact of adherence to those religions on the health and survival of the populations that practice them. A completely updated and revised edition of *The Biology of Religion*, published in 1983, this extraordinary text reveals how religions in all parts of the world meet the needs of ordinary people and frequently play

an important role in helping them to manage their affairs. Reynolds and Tanner show that religions have down-to-earth functions in the control and management of the main events of the human life-cycle--birth, marriage, death, and the events in between. Surveying the beliefs and practices of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism, and many others, and how these religions concern themselves with major issues such as abortion, sex in and outside marriage, divorce, and sickness, the authors demonstrate a world-wide concern by religions for these important issues. They attribute this concern to the need all human beings have for guidelines to behavior during the most important times of life. Supported by a wealth of scientific data and examples, and generously illustrated throughout, this unique text makes a vital contribution to courses in anthropology and comparative religion.

This work is the second revised edition of the much acclaimed compendium on Hindu thought, philosophy, culture and religion based on the Dharmasastras. It is a great resource for beginners and scholars. Contents : * Preface * Acknowledgement: 1. Introduction 2. A Brief Historical Background 3. Sanatana Dharma 4. Veda 5. Upanishad 6. Smriti 7. Purana 8. Ramayana 9. Mahabharata 10. Bhagavad Gita 11. Arthasastra 12. Kamasashtra 13. Karma 14. Chaturvarna 15. The Six Philosophical Systems 16. Saints 17. Women in Hinduism 18. Meanings of Symbols in Hinduism 19. Hindu Contribution to World Knowledge 20. Some Problems of Indology 21. Conclusion 22. Chronological Table of Important Works 23. Pronunciation of words rendered from English to Devanagari 24. Bibliography 25. Index

Discusses Some Of The Great Ideas Of The Greek And Indian Culture - Seeks To Analyse The Growth And Origin Of Hellenism And Hinduism In Their Respective Geographical Areas On The Basis Of Historical Archeological Studies During The Last 50 Years. 6 Chapters - Bibliography - Index

This book examines the classical roots and contemporary significance of eclecticism within modern Hindu discourse. It focuses on the thought of Swami Vivekananda as exemplary of the tone and character of modern Hindu eclecticism and then seeks to identify its historical Indian antecedents.

The 1893 World's Parliament of Religions was much more than a religious assembly. It was conceived as a presentation of the major religious forces at work in the late nineteenth century. The goal of the Parliament was "to unite all religion against irreligion," and many observers celebrated that spirit. Some saw the Parliament as a sign of the coming fulfillment of missionaries' hope to evangelize the world, but others saw it as a disaster for missionaries. Some thought it proved the superiority of Christianity; others saw a victory for the religions of the East. Some thought the Parliament pointed toward the coming unity of all Christians, while for others it seemed a revelation of the forces dividing Christendom. Seager's beautifully fashioned narrative explores this fascinating event in all its complexities and establishes it as truly a watershed event in the emergence of a more pluralistic religious culture in America.

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