



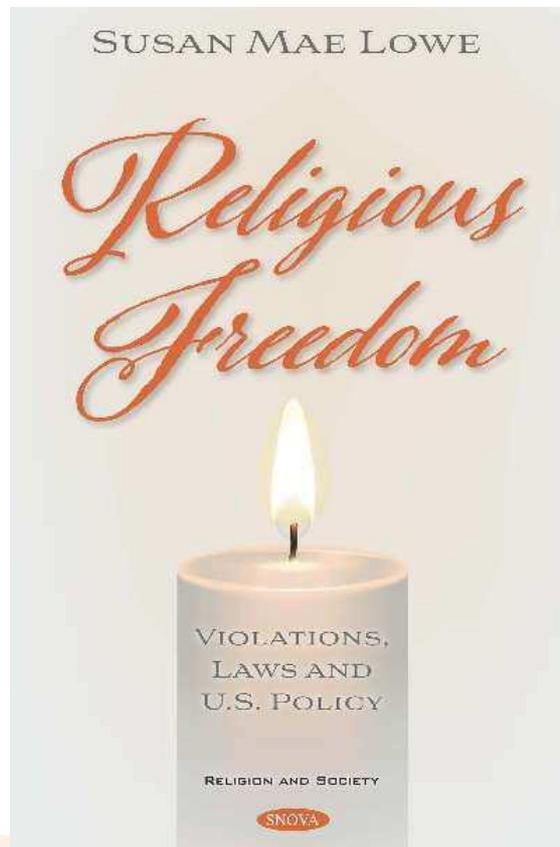
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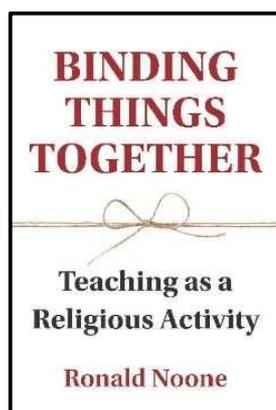


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Monash University Publishing



Binding Things Together Teaching as a Religious Activity

Ronald Noone

In *Binding Things Together*, author Ronald Noone contends that religion and education remain indispensable vehicles for living authentic, rewarding and valuable lives so long as these terms are not confined by the institutions that seek to claim ownership of them.

One of the many definitions of religion, from the Latin 'religio' means, 'to consider carefully' while *re ligare* means to 're-connect' following Saint Augustine.

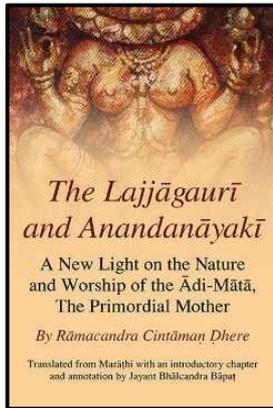
Noone's preferred definition for religion is '*that which binds things together*'; that religion helps makes sense of existence or gives a purpose. Teaching is the act where showing someone how to do something can also give a sense of purpose to both the teacher and the learner.

The author addresses the new gods appearing in schooling and education. The god of technology, the pursuit of 'wellness' in school settings, the obsession with data and metrics and the influence of business on education with the corporatisation of school boards and the demand that schools' chief responsibility is to prepare students for the workforce.

Binding Things Together addresses the cultural questions of the day that are facing parents, teachers, school administrators, clergy and religious laity. Noone argues that the broad range of teaching is at a fundamental level, a religious activity.

About the Author: The Revd. **Dr Ronald Noone** began his career as a secondary school teacher in New South Wales before studying theology at Trinity College, University of Melbourne. He also holds a Master of Sacred Theology and a PhD in education from New York University.

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The Lajjagauri and Anandanayaki A New Light on the Nature and Worship of the Adi-Mata, the Primordial Mother

Ramcandra Cintaman Dhare Translated by Jayant Bhalchandra Bapat

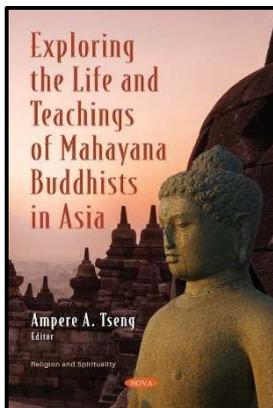
Lajjāgaurī is perhaps one of India's oldest goddesses with images of her in South Asia dating back to the Indus Civilisation c. 3,000 to 1,500 BC. Her devotees can be traced back even earlier to the Ukraine c. 10,000 BCE. In India, new finds continue to expand the geographical spread of Lajjagauri's devotees, most recently to Odiṣā. Dhare's work on Lajjagauri is based on tireless pursuits of her image throughout western India. In contrast to the other thousands of Indian goddesses whose images are super abundant, Lajjāgaurī has become more reclusive as other deities have risen.

Dr Jayant Bāpaṭ has spent many years translating Lajjāgaurī, an important and unique study of the disembodied Indian goddess by the outstanding Marāṭhī cultural specialist Ramcandra Cintāmaṇ Dhare, whose work on Lajjagauri is based on tireless pursuits of her image throughout western India.

About the Author: Jayant Bapat holds doctorates in Organic Chemistry and Indology and is an adjunct research fellow at the Monash Asia Institute at Monash University. His research interests include Hinduism, Goddess cults, the Fisher community of Mumbai, and Jainism, and he has published widely in these areas. He is co-editor of *The Iconic Female: Goddesses of India, Nepal and Tibet* (Monash University Press, 2008) with Ian Mabbett, and *The Indian Diaspora: Hindus and Sikhs in Australia* (DK Printworld, 2015). For his work in education and for the Indian community, Jayant was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2011.

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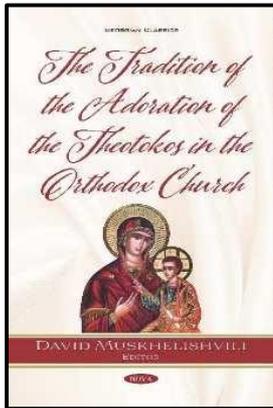
Exploring the Life and Teachings of Mahayana Buddhists in Asia

Edited by Ampere A. Tseng

Buddhism is one of the world's oldest and largest religions having about 490 million followers. Mahayana Buddhists represent approximately two-thirds of the total Buddhist population. A large portion of Mahayanists resides in East Asia. They cannot be said to follow an undivided doctrine and have a unified religious lifestyle. Mahayana Buddhism, rather, consists of a multitude of ideas and practices with its followers holding various behaviors and attitudes.

This book explores the lives and teachings of Mahayana Buddhists, who reside in Mainland China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, and Myanmar, as well as in the ancient Gandhara region (today's north Pakistan and east Afghanistan). The time frame covered is from the beginning of the Mahayana movement in the Ancient Gandhara region in the first several centuries of the Common Era to the present-day lifestyle and practices of the Mahayanists as they respond to 2020's COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the historical and doctrinal views of Mahayana Buddhism, the book features thematic chapters on topics, such as pandemic responses, Mahayana scriptures and sculptures, modern Mahayana teachings, charity, suicide, and ethnicity. The book also considers such social constructs as family and community and modern Buddhist movements in reshaping the traditional structures and cosmological beliefs of Chinese Mahayanists. In sum, this book is a unique effort to define the nature of Mahayana Buddhist life in the past and in the present as well as its teaching in Asia. It does so from various multidisciplinary perspectives.

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The Tradition of the Adoration of the Theotokos in the Orthodox Church

Edited by David Muskhelishvili

The collection is intended for readers interested in scientific and religious issues, generally for all humanitarians—philologists, historians, philosophers, theologians, sociologists, etc.—who are interested in the role and traditions of the Church.

The title of the proposed publication, “The Tradition of the Adoration of the Theotokos in the Orthodox Church”, implies the phenomenon of the Virgin Mary as one of the basic values of mankind. Theotokos teaches us not only to love and to live in peace, but She Herself is a perfect example of these virtues. Tradition of Theotokos’ Adoration in the history of mankind is the manifestation of love, compassion and tolerance in different periods of time and in different countries. Apart from the Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant scholars, scientists from Israel had also expressed their desire to participate in the symposium, which had three sessions: theology, history and culture.

Over the centuries, Georgia, which had been surrounded by a huge number of enemies, has survived and Georgia’s survival is greater than the earthly logic. This can only be explained by the miracle of God.

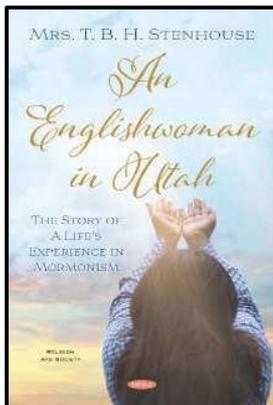
The phenomenon of the Virgin Mary has the greatest place in Georgia. It is the foundation of our national identity.

The Georgian nation has always showed respectful adoration to his Patron. Adoration to the Mother of God has been not only gratitude for the grace received from the Heavenly Queen, but also the height and strength of virtues.

Unfortunately, in the last centuries, blasphemous power led to the destruction of the tradition of adoration of God and Theotokos.

This publication will help a reader to realize that being under the protection of the Mother of God is a great responsibility: a nation that does not know its own responsibility toward God and Theotokos won’t move forward and won’t be developed on the path of peace and integrity. It will be of a great importance to explain to a reader what the love to God, and therefore to human, means.

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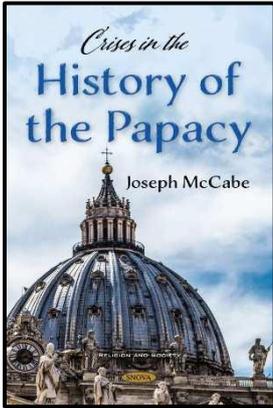


An Englishwoman in Utah The Story of A Life's Experience in Mormonism

Mrs. T. B. H. Stenhouse

An Englishwoman in Utah is a plain, unexaggerated record of the author’s personal experience with Mormonism. Much that may seem altogether incredible, would to a Mormon mind appear simply a matter of ordinary every-day occurrence with which everyone in Utah is supposed to be perfectly familiar.

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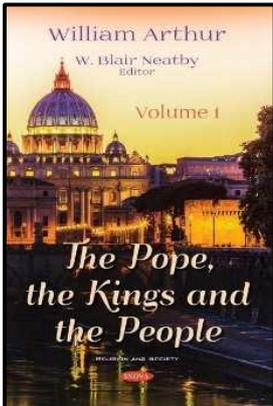


Crises in the History of the Papacy

Edited by Joseph McCabe

Probably no religious institution in the world has had so remarkable a history, and assuredly none has attracted so large and varied a literature, as the Papacy. This book contains a study of twenty famous popes whose careers and whose influence were important in the development of the church and in the history of the world. It provides a view of the Papacy from the early 3rd to the early 20th century.

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The Pope, the Kings and the People

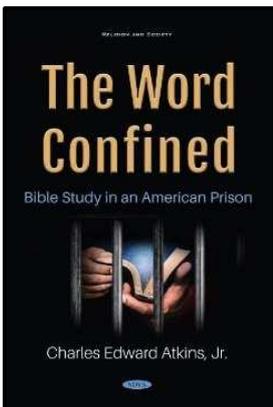
Volume 1

William Arthur

The Pope, the Kings and the People, by William Arthur traces the history of Vaticanism from 1864 through 1869. The sources of the information contained in this work are, 1. Official documents; 2. Histories having the sanction of the Pope or of bishops; 3. Scholastic works of the present pontificate, and of recognized authority; 4. Periodicals and journals, avowed organs of the Vatican or of its policy, with books and pamphlets by bishops and other Ultramontane writers; 5. The writings of Liberal Catholics.

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The Word Confined

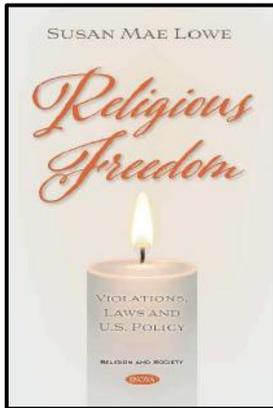
Bible Study in an American Prison

Charles Edward Atkins, Jr.

For Christians, a thorough study of the practice of Bible study in the prison context can help deepen understandings of what constitutes effective ministry. For people outside of the Christian faith, a study of this practice could increase understandings about the complex relationships between faith, prison and personal growth in America. Many American Christians believe that Bible study is an emancipative practice that can help those forces seeking to resolve America's enormous incarceration problem. Participants in penitentiary bible study (teachers and students) seek ways of showing that the light of God continues to shine even in the darkest places on earth like prisons. Belief in this theological perspective has led many Christians (as volunteers or as chaplains) to fight against the problem of mass incarceration by establishing religious practices in prisons.

The American prison system sees religion not only as a right to be preserved but also as one of the programs that help rehabilitate the prisoner before his or her return to society. Garden State Youth Correctional Facility (GSYCF) houses about 1200 young men between the ages of 17 and 27. Like most American prisons, GSYCF is required to offer opportunities for religious practice to prisoners. Through the approach of Pastoral Praxeology, this research observes the practice and the effects of Bible study on the lives of several incarcerated practitioners. The particular Bible study practice that this research project engages in is the Logos Bible Study (LBS) which is distinguished from other programs by its focus on the prayerful study of the Holy Scriptures and the promotion of critical self-reflection over time. After analyzing the interviews and surveys of a group of incarcerated participants in LBS, this study has found methods for creating a terrain of positive transformation within a territory of incarceration. These methods lead to Anakinosis-Desmios—a state of spiritual renewal only possible within prison that promotes the creation and expression of emancipatory and hospitable attitudes within an oppressive and hostile prison culture.

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Religious Freedom Violations, Laws and U.S. Policy

Edited by Susan Mae Lowe

Religious freedom is a cherished American value, universal human right, and a Trump administration foreign policy priority. As reported in chapter 1, the State Department has designated Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan as Countries of Particular Concern (CPC) under the International Religious Freedom Act for engaging in or tolerating systematic, ongoing and egregious violations of religious freedom. The other countries so designated are Eritrea, Sudan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Burma, China, and Vietnam.

In India's Freedom of Religion Acts or "anti-conversion" laws are state-level statutes that have been enacted to regulate religious conversions. All of the laws seek to prevent any person from converting or attempting to convert, either directly or otherwise, another person through "forcible" or "fraudulent" means, or by "allurement" or "inducement." Despite criticism of India's anti-conversion laws, some human rights bodies have acknowledged that these laws have resulted in few arrests and no convictions. However, some observers note that the laws create a hostile, and on occasion violent, environment for religious minority communities because they do not require any evidence to support accusations of wrongdoing as discussed in chapter 2. Chapter 3 provides an overview of religious freedom issues in India, beginning with a brief review of U.S.-India relations and India's human rights setting broadly, then discussing the country's religious demographics, religious freedom protections, and conceptions of Hindu nationalism and its key institutional proponents in Indian society.

Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim-majority country, and it has long been known for its moderate interpretations of Islam. Yet, in recent years, there have been numerous acts of religious intolerance directed against minority religious groups in the country, including Ahmadis, a Muslim sect as reported in chapter 4.

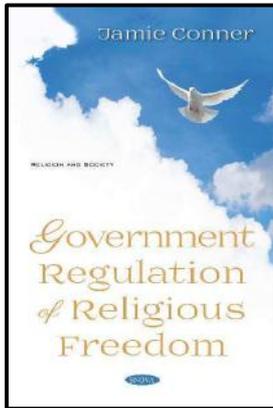
United States Commission on International Religious Freedom began reporting on China in the very first annual report, and has continued to do so every year since, because of that country's systematic, ongoing, egregious violations of religious freedom. As discussed in chapter 5, President Xi Jinping has personally launched efforts to sinicize religion, and the Central Government has issued commands to each Provincial Party Secretary making them responsible to bring religion in line with Communist Party ideology.

Chapter 6 examines the right to hold different theological and different ethical and moral positions, even when they go against the prevailing spirit of our age. So long as these views are held and advanced peacefully and do not advocate physical violence that would violate human dignity.

Chapter 7 is a copy of the Combating European Anti-Semitism Act of 2017.

Chapters 8-12 discuss Supreme Court cases and decisions pertaining to religious freedom.

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Government Regulation of Religious Freedom

Edited by Jamie Conner

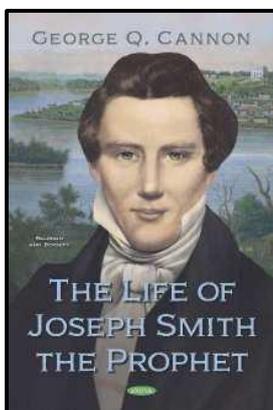
Freedom of religion or belief implies that people have the right to embrace a full range of thoughts and beliefs, including those that others might deem blasphemous; freedom of expression implies that they have the right to speak or write about them publicly. These rights are guaranteed in international documents to which most countries have agreed. Chapter 1 examines and compares the content of laws prohibiting blasphemy (“blasphemy laws”) worldwide through the lens of international and human rights law principles.

The right to practice your religion freely is one of the cornerstone freedoms we have in the United States. Freedom of religion is in the very first amendment of the Bill of Rights in the Constitution. Other countries take a narrower view of freedom of religion. Some impose an official religion, while others actively persecute those practicing a disfavored religion. Chapter 2 reports on the levels of religious freedom in different countries.

The International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, requires the president to issue annually an International Religious Freedom Report and designate the worst violators as Countries of Particular Concern—CPCs—a country so designated when its government has engaged in or tolerated particularly severe violations of religious freedom. Chapter 3 discusses the efforts of the United States to combat religious freedom violations in Eurasia.

The gravity of the situation facing religious freedom in Central Asia is of particular concern. Despite the professed desire to enact more permissive regulations on religious life, the arguments opposing far-reaching reforms are cast in terms of national security and regime stability. The terms of this argument are familiar in Central Asia, not to mention in other parts of the Muslim world, where Islam simultaneously occupied a revered position in national, social, and private life, while also preoccupying national security agencies and regime loyalists who fear its potential to catalyze political opposition and terrorism as reported in chapter 4.

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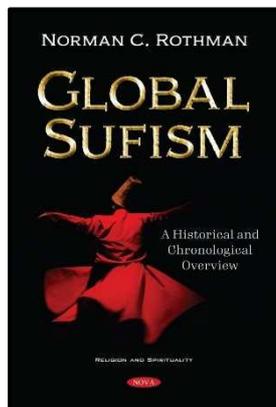


The Life of Joseph Smith the Prophet

George Q. Cannon

This biography of Joseph Smith is especially interesting because it was written by a man who knew him, George Q. Cannon, and drawn from first hand accounts of people who were present when the events described actually happened.

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Global Sufism A Global Historical and Chronological Overview

Norman C. Rothman

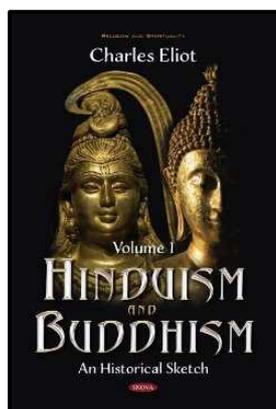
This book analyzes the enduring appeal of the Sufi movement. Its first chapter deals with origins of the Sufi movement and then discusses of the various definitions attached to what came to define what would later be called the mystical dimension of Islam. The succeeding chapters deal with its historical development. Under this theme, specific chapters deal with the spread of Sufism during the Middle Ages and early Modern period and how it survived and even thrived during this time. The concluding chapter during this historical section traces its spread beyond the Islamic world and into the West during the contemporary period.

The middle chapters examine the appeal of Sufism on a cross-cultural basis around the globe both past and present. In this section, the crucial role that Sufi brotherhoods and lodges have played in the cultures and societies around the world on various continents are detailed. The emphasis is on the key role played by the Sufi orders in terms of community service and outreach activities often directed toward disadvantaged and marginal groups. This section also reviews the basic principles, practices and philosophies of the largest global orders. The final chapter in this section outlines the contributions of Sufism to world culture through literature, the arts and philosophy.

The concluding chapters analyze the continued appeal of Sufism to various cultures and societies in both its religious and non-religious versions. They evaluate how Sufism through its adaptability has managed to survive and even thrive in an often indifferent or hostile environment and in the face of trends such as secularism, modernization and urbanization as well as challenges from orthodox traditional advocates of Islam. Another chapter summarizes the various criticisms that have been directed toward Sufi beliefs, and the Sufi response to them. Finally, the concluding chapter restates why Sufism has survived and connects it to a number of factors, particularly its message of inclusion, compassion, tolerance and love—a message with universal appeal.

In addition to the usual table of contents and index of terms, an overview and glossary is provided for each chapter.

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Hinduism and Buddhism An Historical Sketch

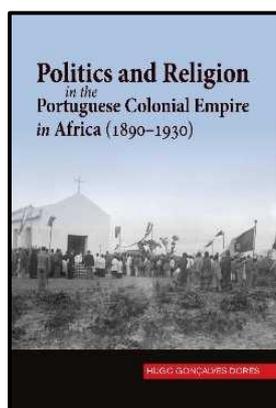
Charles Eliot

The object of *Hinduism and Buddhism: An Historical Sketch* is to trace the history and development of religion in India and elsewhere with occasional remarks on its latest phases. This book is an attempt to give a sketch of Indian thought or Indian religion—for the two terms are nearly equivalent in extent—and of its history and influence in Asia.

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Politics and Religion in the Portuguese Colonial Empire in Africa (1890-1930)

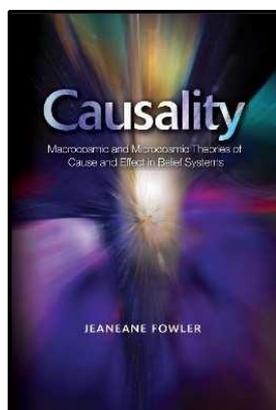
Hugo Goncalves Does

The Portuguese authorities balanced missionary and political dynamics as they sought to strengthen their claims over African territories in an imperial and colonial world that was becoming increasingly internationalized. This book sets out to investigate how missionary authorities reacted to national challenges from the monarchical and republican regimes, and rising competition within the Catholic world, as well as the “Protestant threat”, at the international level. To what degree were religious and missionary projects a political instrument? Was this situation similar in other colonial empires?

The 1890 British Ultimatum was part of a process of conflicting religious competition in Africa (among Catholics, and between Catholics and Protestants) in parallel with inter-imperial disputes. The Portuguese authorities saw missionary presence as a potentially useful political weapon, but it cut two ways: in favour of or against its colonial rule. Foreigner missionaries in what was considered the Portuguese empire were viewed as “threats” since they could act as political bridgeheads for other imperial powers or could influence the native populations against Portuguese colonial presence. Anglo-Portuguese competition in Africa, the “native” uprisings against Portuguese rule, the attempts to negotiate a concordat with the Holy See, the Portuguese First Republic, and the aftermath of the First World War had powerful effects on the direction of Portuguese statehood, and were reflected in substantive internal debate and political disagreement.

The overview of missionary experience in the Portuguese empire provided in this book is a major contribution to the international historiography of missions and empires.

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Causality

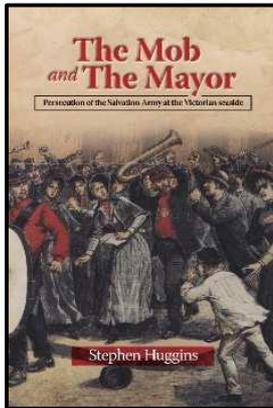
Macrocosmic and Microcosmic Theories of Cause and Effect in Belief Systems

Jeaneane Fowler

This book examines the concepts of cause and effect from two dimensions. The first concerns the macrocosm of the universe or, in some cases, the multiverse, and how each belief system views creation. The second dimension explores the ways in which beliefs about creation influence the microcosmic world in terms of the nature of the self, the proximate goals within each system, the answers each belief system offers to the presence of evil and suffering in existence, and ideas about the ultimate goal of release from them. All these ideas inform and are fundamental to the understanding of the present-day practices of different faiths, presenting challenges for scriptural testimony balanced with existential living. A final chapter explores current research in physics concerning the beginnings of the cosmos and what implications such research might have for existence within it. Contents include:

- Judaic-Christian Traditions
- Islam and Sufism
- Hinduism
- Early Buddhism
- Sikhism
- Taoism
- Recycled Stardust

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The Mob and The Mayor Persecution of the Salvation Army at the Victorian seaside

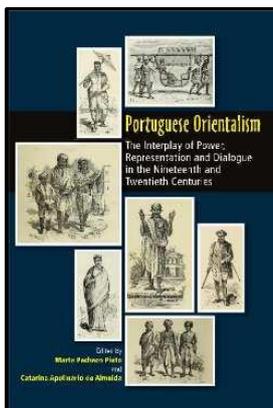
Stephen Huggins

The Salvation Army is well known for its work with the poor and disadvantaged. There is, however, much more to the story of the Salvation Army than their highly commendable good works. They have been so closely identified with a programme of social action that their wider history has been marginalized. This history includes a period of astonishing levels of opposition and religious persecution which the Army faced in its early years. Many Salvationists were badly injured in violent street riots against them while at the same time facing imprisonment as the force of the law was brought to bear on their evangelism.

Among all those places in Britain where the Salvation Army was persecuted, that in the south-coast town of Eastbourne during the 1880s and 1890s stands out as worthy of attention. The Sussex seaside resort played a hugely important part in the wider anti-Salvation Army narrative as it was in Eastbourne that opposition was among the most violent and protracted. Significantly and surprisingly, the vehemence and savagery was supported by the local Council and Mayor. The narrative of *The Mob and The Mayor* is chronological and entirely evidence based. It includes: Eyewitness accounts; newspaper reports; Parliamentary papers; Eastbourne Council & Watch Committee Meetings Minutes; and Salvation Army documents.

Britain was at times at war with itself as the country came to terms with urban poverty resulting from the Industrial Revolution. The persecution of the Salvation Army at the Victorian seaside sheds a wider light on the struggles to promote social betterment for all.

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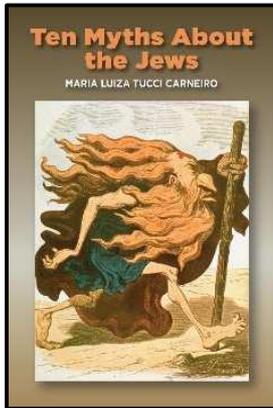
Portuguese Orientalism The Interplay of Power, Representation and Dialogue in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Edited by Marta Pacheco Pinto, Catarina Apolinário de Almeida

Research on Portuguese orientalism has been mostly centred on the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and has focused on missionary work and Catholic orientalism. In contrast, reflection on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries is scarce and has relied on individual case studies, notwithstanding the TECOP (*Texts and Contexts of Portuguese Orientalism: The International Congresses of Orientalists, 1873–1973*) research project. This edited collection is the result of an international forum (www.tecop.letras.ulisboa.pt) hosted by the Centre for Comparative Studies, the University of Lisbon.

The editorial aim is to counter the scant attention paid to Portuguese orientalist scholarship, which has been peripheralized within the comparative history of western imperialisms at large and within national orientalisms in particular. Incorporating Portugal into a broader European colonial discourse about the East, and discussing the responses to Portuguese colonial legacies, gives visibility to the agency of the multiple actors and networks implicated in the Portuguese modern connection to the East. Essays cover former Portuguese India (Goa), Macau, Timor and Japan, as well as East Africa, Egypt, and even Angola as an expansive site of the Portuguese orientalist rhetoric. The chapters by necessity revisit Edward Said's *Orientalism* (1978), making use of its analytical framework. They foster an understanding of Portuguese orientalism as an epistemological system supported by an elite – either intellectual, scientific or literary – that assumed different material manifestations in the shape of colonial policies; scientific expeditions; exhibitions; press and literary publications; radio broadcasts; and the institutionalization itself of orientalist knowledge. This is the first collection in the English language overtly expressing an intention to examine this epistemological contribution.

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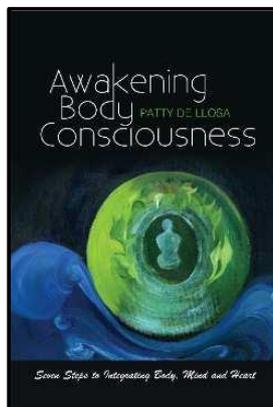
Ten Myths About the Jews

Maria Luiza Tucci Carneiro

Ten Myths about the Jews analyzes the complex facets of anti-Semitism and anti-Judaism in an accessible and easy-to-read format. Based on wide research, Brazilian historian Maria Luiza Tucci Carneiro examines different manifestations against Jews and their faith through history and political culture along the centuries. Ten omnipresent accusations were configured by anti-Semites in axioms that became myths: Myth 1: The Jews killed Christ. Myth 2: The Jews are a secret entity. Myth 3: The Jews control the world economy. Myth 4: There are no poor Jews. Myth 5: The Jews are greedy. Myth 6: The Jews have no homeland. Myth 7: The Jews are racists. Myth 8: The Jews are parasites. Myth 9: The Jews control the media. Myth 10: The Jews manipulate the United States.

Tucci Carneiro unmasks the roots of anti-Semitism and exposes contemporary prejudices. Her book is an invitation to reflect upon current realities marked by racism and shows how the main myths about the Jews have been vested of a verisimilitude that has persisted for the last 2000 years, all over the world, by means of hatred of the other, political/religious opportunism and economic deceit. The myths are kept alive by means of constant repetition and re-elaboration of a particular narrative, invariably seductive. The author proves each of the ten myths in terms of their historical record, their origins and purposes. Even though Jews are fully integrated into western society in multiple ways (entrepreneurship, medicine, literature, philosophy, the arts), racist myths against the community have been particularly resilient; they attempt to override common sense and their continuous circulation and rehashing through scapegoating and caricature has had profound negative repercussions for society as a whole. *Ten Myths*, now published in five languages, is an essential tool in the struggle against the discourse of racist hatred.

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Awakening Body Consciousness

Seven Steps to Integrating Body, Mind and Heart

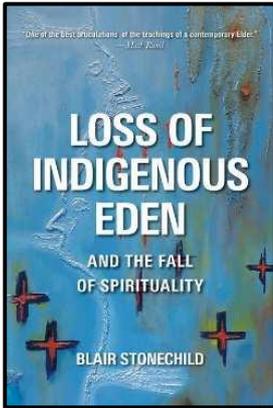
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