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Shi'ism in South Asia
Everyday Shi'ism in South
Asia is an introduction to
the everyday life and
cultural memory of Shi'i
women and men, focusing
on the religious worlds of
both individuals and
communities at particular
historical moments and

places in the Indian
subcontinent. Author
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an array primary sources,
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data to present topical
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broad snapshots Shi'i life
as well as microscopic
analyses of ritual

practices, material objects, architectural and artistic forms, and more. Focusing exclusively on South Asian Shi'ism, an area mostly ignored by contemporary scholars who focus on the Arab lands of Iran and Iraq, the author shifts readers' analytical focus from the center of Islam to its periphery. Ruffle provides new perspectives on the diverse ways that the Shi'a intersect with not only South Asian religious culture and history, but also the wider Islamic humanistic tradition.

Written for an academic audience, yet accessible to general readers, this unique resource: Explores Shi'i religious practice and the relationship between religious normativity and everyday religious life and material culture
Contextualizes Muharram rituals, public performances, festivals, vow-making, and material objects and practices of South Asian Shi'a
Draws from author's studies and fieldwork throughout India and Pakistan, featuring numerous color photographs
Places Shi'i

religious symbols, cultural values, and social systems in historical context
Includes an extended survey of scholarship on South Asian Shi'ism from the seventeenth century to the present
Everyday Shi'ism in South Asia is an important resource for scholars and students in disciplines including Islamic studies, South Asian studies, religious studies, anthropology, art history, material culture studies, history, and gender studies, and for English-speaking

members of South Asian Shi'i communities.

American Transcendentalism and Asian Religions John Wiley & Sons

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.
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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.

Religions of Asia Today

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 This edition meets the need of GCSE and Standard Grade syllabuses, and also provides stimulating reading for anyone

interested in reading about these faiths. The book is structured by topics, allowing a closer comparison than would be possible if they were dealt with separately. Each chapter is subdivided by religion, so that one religion can be followed from beginning to end. This is not just another book of 'exam facts' - the author is also concerned to present the internal faith of religious adherents. The author gathered information on a travelling scholarship in Asia, where he lived in

ashrams, temples and monasteries in India, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong and Japan.
Women and Asian Religions Oxford University Press, USA
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. *A Documentary History* Oxford University Press on Demand
As a result of immigration from Asia in the wake of the passage of the 1965 Hart-Celler Immigration Act, the fastest-growing religions in America—faster than all Christian groups combined—are Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Sikhism. In this remarkable book, a leading scholar of religion

asks how these new faiths have changed or have been changed by the pluralist face of American civil society. How have these new religious minorities been affected by the deep-rooted American ambivalence toward foreign traditions? Bruce Lawrence casts a comparativist eye on the American religious scene and explores the ways in which various groups of Asian immigrants have, and sometimes have not, been integrated into the American polity. In the process, he offers several

important correctives. Too often, Lawrence argues, profiles of Asian American experience focus exclusively on immigrants from East Asia, to the exclusion of South Asian and West Asian voices. *New Faiths, Old Fears* seeks to make all Asians equally important and to break free of traditional geographic markers, most reflecting nineteenth-century imperial values, that artificially divide the people of the "Middle East" from the rest of Asia, with whom they

share certain religious and cultural ties. Iranian Americans, in particular, emerge as a vital bridge group whose experience tells us much about how Asians of many different backgrounds have found their way in their new nation. Beyond simply expanding and refining our conception of who Asian Americans are, Lawrence draws instructive comparisons between Asian Americans' experience and those of Native, African, and Hispanic Americans, exposing undercurrents of

racial and class antagonisms. He concludes that we cannot fully comprehend the contours and valences of culture and religion in America without understanding how this racialized class prejudice shapes the views of the dominant class toward immigrants and other marginal groups.

An Oral History as Told by Jon Stewart, the Correspondents, Staff and Guests Princeton University Press
ASIAN RELIGIONS "A unique introduction to

Asian religions, combining the scholarly rigor of an established historian of Asian religions with the willingness to engage empathetically with the traditions and to suggest that readers do the same.” Joseph A. Adler, Kenyon College “Randall L. Nadeau has accomplished what only a few have tried, but which has been much needed in the study of religions. He has written a genuinely novel approach to the religions of Asia... This is a work that should find its way into Asian

humanities, history, religion, and civilization courses.” Ronnie Littlejohn, Belmont University This all-embracing introduction to Asian religious practices and beliefs takes a unique approach; not only does it provide a complete overview of the basic tenets of the major Asian religions, but it also demonstrates how Asian spiritualities are lived and practiced, exploring the meaning and significance they hold for believers. In a series of engaging and lively chapters, the book

explores the beliefs and practices of Confucianism, Taoism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Japanese religions, including Shintō. Using a comparative approach, it highlights the contrasts between Asian and Western modes of thinking and living, and debates the influence of religion on real-world issues including work, economic growth, the environment, human rights, and gender relations. Nadeau, a leading figure in this field, takes an empathetic approach to Asian

religious and cultural traditions, and considers Asian spiritualities to be viable systems of belief for today's global citizens. Integrating exercises, activities, and an appealing mixture of examples, such as novels and biographies, this refreshing book leads readers to an enhanced understanding of the ideas and practice of Asian religions, and of their continuing relevance today.

SACRED OBJECTS IN

SECULAR SPACES

NYU Press

We have long recognized that many objects in museums were originally on display in temples, shrines, or monasteries, and were religiously significant to the communities that created and used them. How, though, are such objects to be understood, described, exhibited, and handled now that they are in museums? Are they still sacred objects, or formerly sacred objects that are now art objects,

or are they simultaneously objects of religious and artistic significance, depending on who is viewing the object? These objects not only raise questions about their own identities, but also about the ways we understand the religious traditions in which these objects were created and which they represent in museums today. Bringing together religious studies scholars and museum curators, *Sacred Objects in Secular Spaces* is the first volume to focus on Asian religions in relation

to these questions. The contributors analyze an array of issues related to the exhibition in museums of objects of religious significance from Hindu, Buddhist, and Sikh traditions. The "lives†? of objects are considered, along with the categories of "sacred†? and "profane†?, "religious†? and "secular†?. As interest in material manifestations of religious ideas and practices continues to grow, *Sacred Objects in Secular Spaces* is a much-needed contribution to religious and Asian

studies, anthropology of religion and museums studies.
 Princeton University 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.
Popular Religion in Southeast Asia W.W. Norton & Company
 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.

RITUALS OF SOVEREIGNTY IN BURYAT BUDDHISM

Princeton University Press
A religion is a system of stories, and there is no

better way to engage with the world's religions than through the stories that animate their beliefs and practices. Through the exploration of these ancient stories and contemporary practices, Stephen Prothero, a New York Times best-selling author and gifted storyteller, helps students better grasp the role of religion in our fractured world and to develop greater religious literacy. Videos and an award-winning adaptive learning tool, InQuizitive, further engage students and help

them master core objectives and develop their own religious literacy.

Everyday Shi'ism in South Asia Columbia University Press

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. *Asian American Religions* Rowman & Littlefield

Ideal for courses in Western religions, *Religions of the West Today*, Fourth Edition will cover the same material as the Western chapters of the authors' longer textbook, *World Religions Today*, Sixth Edition. Revealing the significance of religion in contemporary life, it explores major Western religious traditions - Judaism, Christianity, Islam - as well as indigenous religions, and new religions 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 religions to their classical beliefs and practices and focuses on how these religions have both radically changed the modern world and been changed by it. Thoroughly revised, the fourth edition features streamlined content for greater accessibility; updated material on recent world events; and updated timelines.
Abridged Edition Oxford

University Press, USA
 This book traces the American encounter with Asian religions through historical documents and writings, from the late 18th century to the present and including works from Bruce Lee, John Lennon, Amy Tan, Frederick Douglass and Tan Nhat Hanh.
Animal and Shaman
 Oxford University Press, USA
 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

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[A Cultural Perspective](#)
Oxford University Press,
USA

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.

**ETHNOGRAPHY,
ETHNOLOGY, AND
CHANGE IN A COMPLEX**

REGION

Routledge

An innovative and interpretive overview of the nature of popular religion in Southeast Asia, covering Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam, as well as Christianity and the conversion of indigenous peoples.

AN ANTHOLOGY

Cengage Learning

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.

ON HEROES, HERO-WORSHIP, & THE HEROIC IN HISTORY

Oxford University Press Princeton Readings in Religions is a new series of anthologies on the religions of the world, representing the significant advances that have been made in the study of religions in the last thirty years. This volume brings together the introductions to the first five volumes of this acclaimed series: Religions of India in Practice (1995), Buddhism

in Practice (1995), Religions of China in Practice (1996), Religions of Tibet in Practice (1997), and Religions of Japan in Practice (1999). The introductions to these volumes have been widely praised for their accessible, clear and concise overviews of the religions of Asia, providing both historical context and insightful analysis of Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism, Islam, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shinto, and Bon, as well as many local traditions. The authors of the

chapters are leading scholars of Asian religions: Richard Davis (India), Stephen Teiser (China), George Tanabe (Japan), and Donald Lopez (Buddhism and Tibet). They bring together the best and most current research on their topics, while series editor Donald Lopez provides an introduction to the volume as a whole. In addition to providing a wealth of detail on the history, doctrine, and practice of the religions of Asia, the five chapters offer an opportunity for sustained

discussions of the category of "religion."

RELIGION AND CHANGE IN CONTEMPORARY ASIA

Bloomsbury Publishing "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"--

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