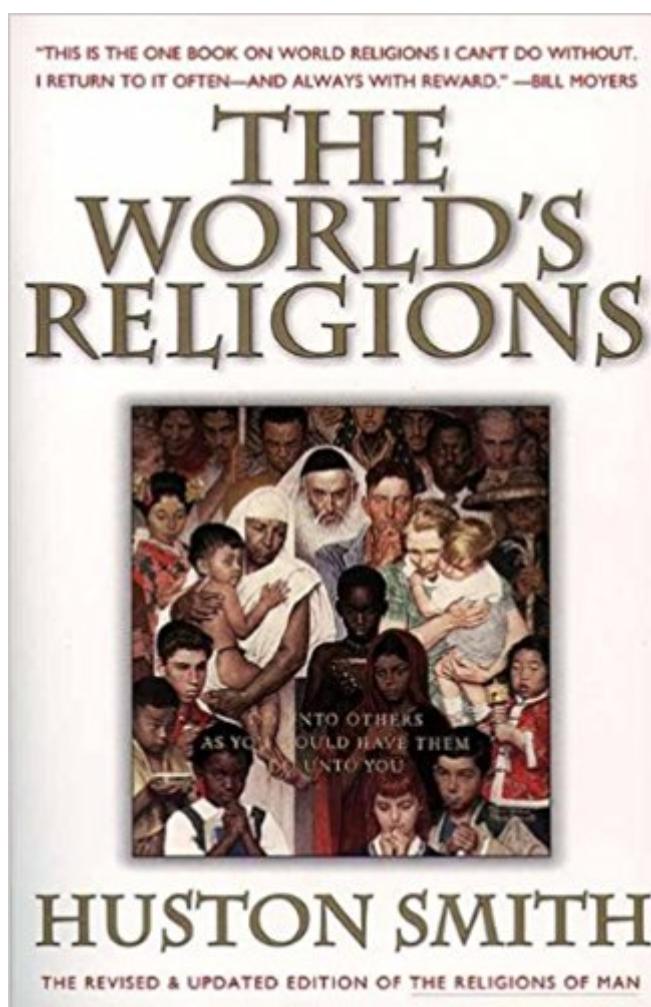


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The World's Religions, by beloved author and pioneering professor Huston Smith (Tales of Wonder), is the definitive classic for introducing the essential elements and teachings of the world's predominant faiths, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, as well as regional native traditions. This revised and updated edition provides sympathetic descriptions of the various traditions, explaining how they work "from the inside," which is a big reason why this cherished classic has sold more than two million copies since it first appeared in 1958.

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in 2009 I wrote a letter to Huston Smith telling him that in my teens I had taken a course on world religions at Boston University and the professor had used as textbook Smith's "The Religions of Mankind" (now titled "The World's Religions"). I told Smith that I had recently become an adjunct professor of world religions at FSU and that after examining a dozen textbooks I could not

find one that came even close to the beauty and understanding Smith conveys in clear and eloquent prose in "The World's Religions." Therefore, I chose to use his book as the textbook for all my comparative religion classes. Smith wrote back that my letter had arrived on his 90th birthday and he said, "I couldn't have asked for a better birthday present!"

This is not a reference book. It covers the basic beliefs of various religions and is written lovingly. The author has obvious respect for all he writes about. Very enjoyable treatise on the world's religions. I highly recommend it.

Didn't read the book yet but I scanned through it and based on that I think it will give me what I want in terms of basic information about some of the world's religions.

It's what I expected. I wanted to learn about the world's religions other than Christianity and the book is providing me some understanding and appreciation of them.

This is a well-written book, easy to access. It is thoughtful and informative. It has added volumes to my understanding of the faith traditions.

No better source. This was required reading for my Comparative Religions class at Georgetown University in 1968. Has borne many re-readings since, most recently on a trip to Angkor Wat.

This book was a required purchase for my Introduction to World Religions course. It is a great book for the curious mind, searching for understanding of other cultures and religious beliefs. The book breathes no bias, but enlightens the willing to the true intention of religions that have been prejudiced in different areas of the world. You can learn a lot about yourself through the teachings of this book. It is a must read!

The section on Confucius is my very favorite. Should be required High School reading. Every US politician should be required to read this section. He professes that politicians must be "better" than their citizens if they want to be followed. More enlightening is the idea of social norm/morays are the only way to control the population. Nice summary of all religions, unbiased. I keep few books but this is on my shelf

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