



National Office of ECUMENICAL & MULTI-FAITH Relations BOOKS & RESOURCES (A work in progress)

Goal: To Foster Educational Growth and Mutual Understanding Among Peoples of Different Faith Traditions. Listed in Order of Historical Emergence

Welcome Faith Explorers! Here you will find essential references for Major World Religions and Christian Denominations recommended by ordained clergy, academics, and specialists in each faith tradition. Other resources include common religious texts and editions in English. Common website links such as Wikiwand.com and Britannica.com are cited pending expert recommendations (to come).

These Resource pages will be updated and expanded monthly. I welcome new submissions – and commentary on any of the titles listed. Send your recommended titles, websites, and commentaries, along with your name, title, denomination / faith tradition, (add earned degrees if you wish) to JamesDiLuzio@gmail.com

Blessings, Hope, and Peace be yours!

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National Office of Ecumenical and Multi-Faith Relations

January 2022

TAOSIM (DAOSIM)

Scholarly dating circa 4th Century B.C.E.

See additional references under CONFUCIANISM, DAOSIM, AND SHITO below

<https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Taoism>

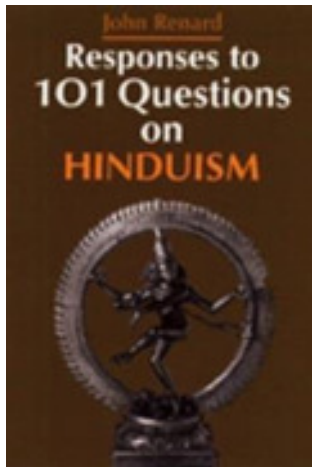
HINDUISM

Scholarly dating circa 1750 B.C.E.

HINDUISM – OVERVIEW

<https://www.hinduamerican.org/hinduism-basics>

<https://www.hinduamerican.org/>



Responses to 101 Questions on HINDUISM - A short, user-friendly introduction to major historical, cultural, spiritual and theological points of interest in the complex of faith traditions known collectively as Hinduism.

<https://www.paulistpress.com/Products/3845-X/responses-to-101-questions-on-hinduism.aspx>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Hinduism>

<https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Hinduism>

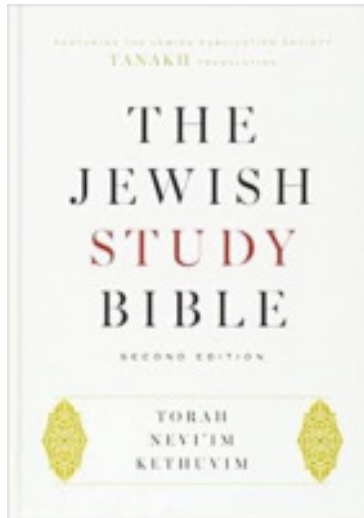
JUDAISM

(Scholarship dates formal origins circa 1,200 B.C.E. Tradition dates 2,000 B.C.E. and earlier)

JUDAISM – OVERVIEW

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/history>

The Jewish Study Bible: Second Edition 2nd Edition by [Adele Berlin](#) (Editor), [Mar Zvi Brettler](#) (Editor)



ISBN-13:9780190262488

Publisher: [Oxford University Press](#)

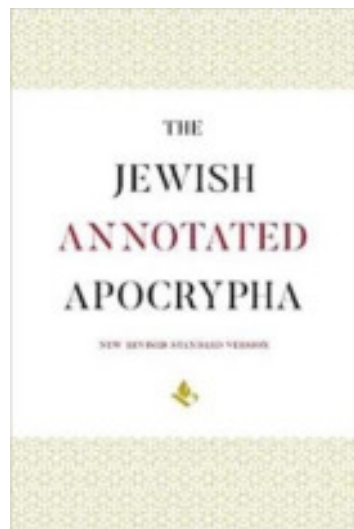
Publication date: 10/01/2020

Pages:744

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-jewish-study-bible-adele-berlin/1124330715?ean=9780199978465>

The Jewish Annotated Apocrypha

by [Jonathan Klawans](#) (Editor), [Lawrence M. Wills](#) (Editor)



Publisher : Oxford University Press; 1st edition (October 1, 2020)

Language : English

Hardcover : 744 pages

ISBN-10 : 0190262486

ISBN-13 : 978-0190262488

The Hebrew Bible: A Translation with Commentary by [Robert Alter](#), (Translator)



ISBN-13:	9780393292497
Publisher:	Norton, W. W. & Company, Inc.
Publication date:	12/18/2018
Pages:	3500

JEWISH BIBLE ONLINE:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Bereshis%201&version=OJB>

ORTHODOX JUDAISM Scholarly date
Orthodoxy as a particular observance of Judaism circa 1700 C.E.;
Tradition holds its ties to biblical Judaism origin 3,760 B.C.E.)

References below submitted by Rabbi Jesse Shore, Makor College
Experience, New York, NY

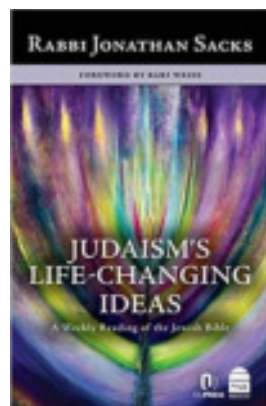
An online introduction: MY JEWISH LEARNING

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/orthodox-judaism/>

Books:

For the General Public:

Judaism's Life-Changing Ideas – A Weekly Reading of the Jewish Bible
by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks



Publisher : Maggid (August 1, 2020)

Language : English

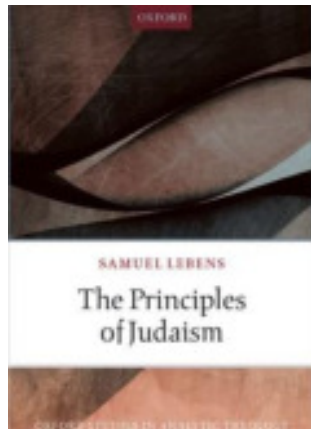
Hardcover : 334 pages

ISBN-10 : 1592645526

ISBN-13 : 978-1592645527

For Academics: On Orthodox Theology

THE PRINCIPLES OF JEWISH LEARNING by
philosopher Samuel Lebens:



Publisher : Oxford University Press
(August 30, 2020)

Language : English

Hardcover : 352 pages

ISBN-10 : 0198843259

ISBN-13 : 978-0198843252

Purchase: <https://www.samlebens.com/copy-of-books-1>

Ebook Rental The Principles of Judaism | 9780198843252, 9780192581259 |
VitalSource

ORTHODOX JUDAISM - HASIDISM

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/hasidism>

Haredi Judaism (Strictly Orthodox)

(Scholarly date Orthodoxy as a particular observance of Judaism as a reaction to modernity, formalized circa 1900 C.E.; Tradition holds its ties to biblical Judaism an origin 3,760 B.C.E., particularly the revelation at Sinai of the Ten Commandments – 1313 B.C.E. corresponding to Year 2448 on the Jewish Calendar) •

https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Haredi_Judaism

- Time Line Source:
- https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/3915966/jewish/Timeline-of-Jewish-History.htm#q4

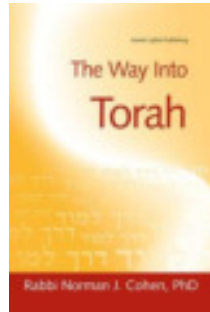
ORTHODOX JUDAISM: Chabad-Lubavitch

https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/36226/jewish/Overview.htm

REFORM JUDAISM

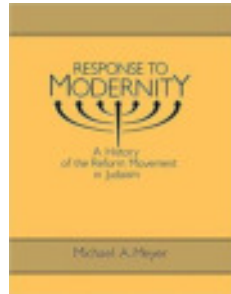
Submitted by Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson, Senior Rabbi, Temple Emmanuel, New York NY <https://www.emmanuelnyc.org/> :

The Way Into Torah by Norman J. Cohen



ISBN-13:	9781580231985
Publisher:	Turner Publishing Company
Publication date:	04/01/2004
Series:	The Way Into Series
Pages:	162

Response to Modernity – A History of the Reform Movement by Michael A. Mayer

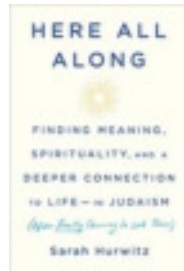


ISBN-13:	9780814325551
Publisher:	Wayne State University Press
Publication date:	04/01/1995
Series:	Studies in Jewish History
Pages:	512

CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

Submitted by Amy Olson, Executive Director, Currently University of Rhode Island Hillel

Here All Along by Sarah Hurwitz



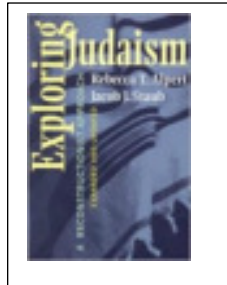
Publisher :	Random House (September 3, 2019)
Language :	English
Hardcover :	352 pages
ISBN-10 :	0525510710
ISBN-13 :	978-0525510710

https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Conservative_Judaism

RECONSTRUCTION JUDAISM

Submitted by Rabbi Sharon Stiefel, MSW, LGSW, Mayim Rabim
Reconstructionist Congregation, Minneapolis; Member of the
Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association member Minnesota Rabbinical
Association member; Neshama: Association of Jewish Chaplains member

Exploring Judaism: A Reconstructionist Approach by Rebecca Alpert and
Jacob Staub



Publisher : The Reconstructionist Press; 2nd updated edition (July 1, 2000)

Language : English

Paperback : 185 pages

ISBN-10 : 093545750X

ISBN-13 : 978-0935457506

The Reconstructing Judaism website will also be helpful: <https://www.reconstructingjudaism.org/about-us>

ZOROASTRIAN

Zoroastrianism dates back to the 6th century BCE. Founded in [ancient Persia](#), it likely influenced the development of [Judaism](#) and predates both [Christianity](#) and [Islam](#).

FEZANA, Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America, with membership in the United States and Canada. See <https://fezana.org/>

The Fezana website features this Introduction to Zoroastrian faith:

In Search Of My God



An illustrated history of Zoroastrian people with audio components including prayers and more. Available now as a FREE eBook download at www.insearchofmygod.com

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Zoroastrianism>

<https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Zoroastrianism>

BUDDHISM

(Circa 6th to 4th Centuries B.C.E.)

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Buddhism>

<https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Buddhism>

TIBETAN BUDDHISM (Four Major Schools beginning in the 8th Century C.E.)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tibetan_Buddhism

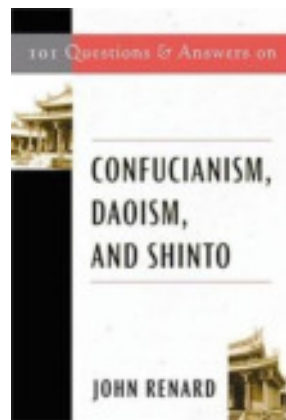
WON BUDDHISM (a Reform movement created by Master Sotaesan (Pak Chung-bin, 1891-1943)

https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Won_Buddhism

<http://wonbuddhism.org/#/>

CONFUCIANISM, DAOISM, SHINTO

Confucianism developed from what was later called the [Hundred Schools of Thought](#) from the teachings of the [Chinese philosopher Confucius](#) (551–479 BCE).



A reader-friendly introduction to the history, beliefs, structures and practices of three major indigenous religious traditions of East Asia: Confucianism, Daoism and Shinto.

Category: [Interreligious](#)

ISBN: 978-08091-4091-6

<https://www.paulistpress.com/Products/4091-8/101-questions--answers-on-confucianism-daoism-and-shinto.aspx>

<https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Confucianism>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Daoism>

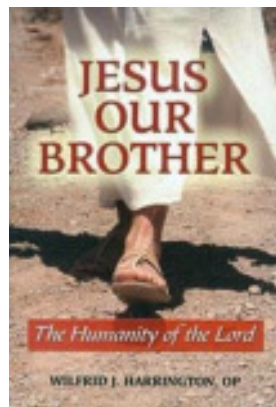
<https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Taoism>

CHRISTIANITY

Tradition dates its origins from the birth of Jesus of Nazareth circa 3 B.C.E.; or Jesus' Ministry, Death & Resurrection circa 30 – 36 c.e.; Apostolic Ministries circa 30 to 65 C.E. Scholarship dates the Christian movement from post-Resurrection period from 30/36 C.E. to prior to the earliest New Testament Writings 50 C.E. (Saint Paul's Letter to Thessalonica) to last of canonical Christian Testament circa 100 C.E. Others date Christianity's beginnings at the formal break of Jewish followers of Jesus with the synagogue in the years following the Destruction of the Jerusalem Temple circa 70 C.E. up until 132 C.E. – decades which included the issue of a standard Eighteen Jewish Benedictions and Shema and concluded in the year after the Bar Kokhba Revolt when the Tanna (official teachers) outlawed the writings of the early Christians

See <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/how-jewish-christians-became-christians/>

Basic Overview of JESUS – Who He Is



Jesus Our Brother
Humanity of the Lord

[Wilfrid J. Harrington](#)

A noted biblical scholar, revered teacher, and graceful author writes movingly and with profound insight about Jesus as a human being.

Category: **[Christology and Soteriology](#)**

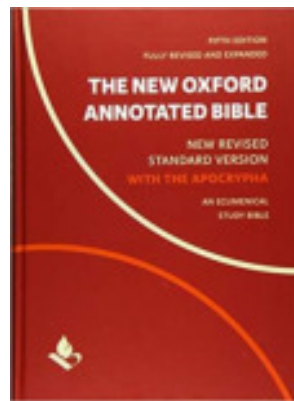
ISBN: 978-08091-4671-0

<https://www.paulistpress.com/Products/4671-0/jesus-our-brother.aspx>

Popular Christian Bible Translations in English (Bibles with Commentary specific to a given denomination appear under their Denomination Heading)

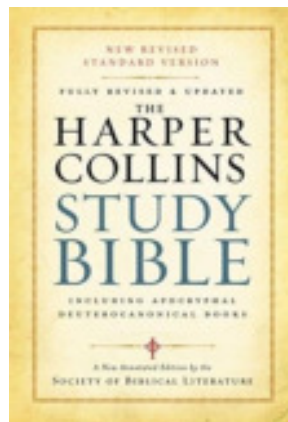
ONLINE BIBLES: An Extensive List of Christian Bibles in numerable translations may be found at <https://www.biblegateway.com/about/>

**The most popular editions and those used in Worship include:
NRSV (New Revised Standard Version) 1**



Publisher : Oxford University Press; 5th edition (April 1, 2018)
Language : English
Hardcover : 2416 pages
ISBN-10 : 019027607X
ISBN-13 : 978-0190276072

NRSV (New Revised Standard Version) 2



ASIN : 006078685X
Publisher : HarperOne; Revised, Updated edition (August 22, 2006)
Language : English
Hardcover : 2272 pages
ISBN-10 : 9780060786854

NIV (New International Version)



Publisher : Thomas Nelson (February 2, 2021)
Language : English
Imitation Leather : 1856 pages
ISBN-10 : 0785230289
ISBN-13 : 978-0785230281

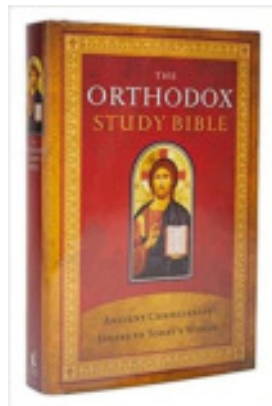
NKJV (New King James Version)



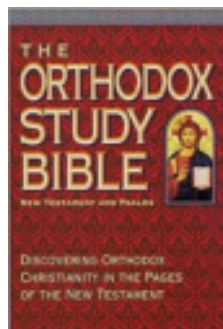
Title: NKJV Comfort Print Reference Bible, Super Giant Print, Leather-Look, Black
Format: Paperback
Number of Pages: 1792
Vendor: Thomas Nelson
Publication Date: 2018
Dimensions: 10.50 X 7.25 X 1.25 (inches)
Weight: 3 pounds 2 ounces
ISBN: 0785217452
ISBN-13: 9780785217459

ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY

The Orthodox Study Bible, Hardcover: Ancient Christianity Speaks to Today's World Hardcover – Illustrated, June 17, 2008
Edited by [St. Athanasius Academy of Orthodox Theology](#) (Author)



Publisher : Thomas Nelson (June 17, 2008)
Language : English
Hardcover : 1856 pages
ISBN-10 : 0718003594
ISBN-13 : 978-0718003593



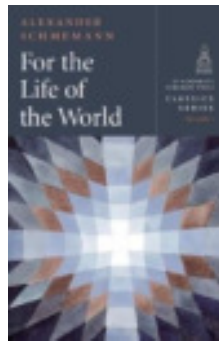
Publisher : Thomas Nelson Inc; BONDED LEATHER edition (April 1, 1993)
Language : English
Hardcover : 1086 pages
ISBN-10 : 0840783914
ISBN-13 : 978-0840783912

The following Submitted by Tony Kireopoulos. Orthodox Representative on the National Council of Churches tony.kireopoulos@nationalcouncilofchurches.us
Meyendorff, John. *Byzantine Theology: Historical Trends and Doctrinal Themes*. New York: Fordham University Press, 1974



Title: Byzantine Theology
By: John Meyendorff
Format: Paperback
Number of Pages: 242
Vendor: Fordham University Press
Publication Date: 1979
ISBN: 0823209679
ISBN-13: 9780823209675

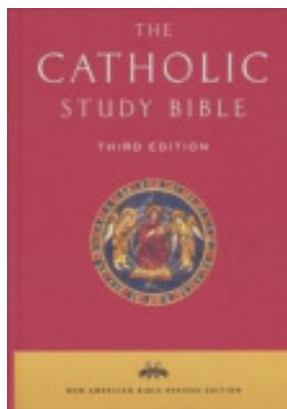
Schememann, Alexander. *For the Life of the World: Sacraments and Orthodoxy*. Crestwood: St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1988.



Title: For the Life of the World
By: Alexander Schememann
Format: Paperback
Vendor: SVS Press
Publication Date: 2018
ISBN-13: 97808881416176
<https://www.christianbook.com/for-the-life-of-world/alexander-schememann/97808881416176/pd/416176?event=ESRCN>

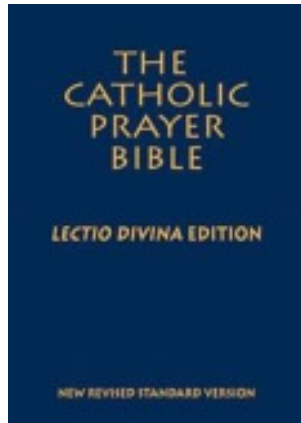
Catholicism (Catholic Christianity / Roman Catholicism)

Authorized Bible: NABRE (New American Bible Revised Edition)



Title: NABRE Catholic Study Bible, Hardcover
By: Donald Senior
Format: Hardcover
Number of Pages: 1949
Vendor: Oxford University Press
Publication Date: 2016
ISBN: 0199362777
ISBN-13: 9780199362776

https://www.amazon.com/dp/0199362777?tag=amz-mkt-chr-us-20&ascsubtag=1ba00-01000-org00-mac00-other-smile-us000-pcomp-feature-pcomp-feature-pcomp-wm-11&ref=aa_pcomp



The Catholic Prayer Bible

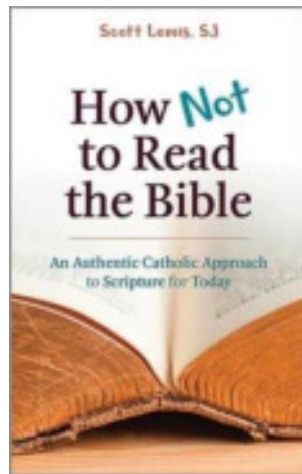
Lectio Divina Edition: Deluxe / Leather Cover

[Paulist Press](#)

Experience the ancient, beautiful, and life-transforming practice of lectio divina--the prayerful reading of Scripture. Give the gift of prayer to yourself and to those you love. Gilded page edges; Navy-blue bonded leather cover.

Category: [Bibles](#) ISBN: 978-08091-4766-3

Submitted by Rev. Mark-David Janus, CSP, Director, Paulist Press, Mahwah NJ: Fr. Mark-David earned an undergraduate degree at St. John Fisher College, and master's degree from The Catholic University of America, Washington D.D. and a PhD in psychology from the University of Connecticut



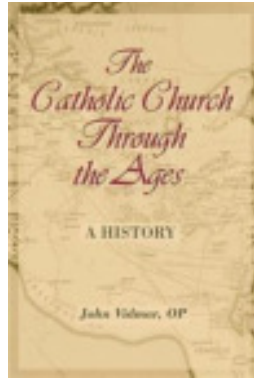
How Not to Read the Bible

An Authentic Catholic Approach to Scripture for Today. [Scott Lewis, SJ](#)

Biblical scholar Scott Lewis wants to help Christians approach the Bible with a (renewed) confidence to explore for themselves the richness of what scripture might tell them. Too often, as the title suggests, scriptures are approached incorrectly, whether interpreted literally or taken out of context. Lewis wants to guide readers on approaches to reading the Bible in world where too simple and too glib answers and approaches abound. At the same time, he wants to show the reader why reading the Bible is still important today, perhaps more than in the recent past.

ISBN: 978-08091-5503-3

<https://www.paulistpress.com/Products/5503-3/how-not-to-read-the-bible.aspx>



The Catholic Church through the Ages

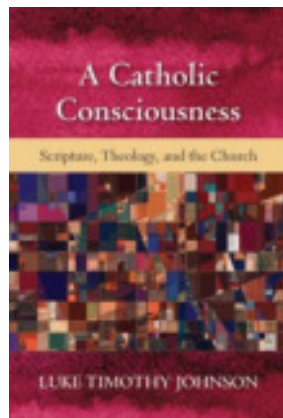
A History

[John Vidmar, OP](#)

[\(More from this Author\)](#)

A one-volume survey of the history of the Catholic Church from its beginning until, and including, the pontificate of John Paul II.

<https://www.paulistpress.com/Products/3-215-7/the-catholic-church-through-the-ages.aspx>



A Catholic Consciousness

Scripture, Theology, and the Church

[Luke Timothy Johnson](#)

[\(More from this Author\)](#)

The essays collected here are, for lack of a better term, a form of public theology, personal essays written from the heart, often in response to a specific moment within the larger culture. In them, the author seeks locate and express what might be called a "Catholic Consciousness," a distinctively Catholic approach to issues touching on Scripture, theology, and the life of the church.

ISBN: 978-08091-5542-2

<https://www.paulistpress.com/Products/5542-2/a-catholic-consciousness.aspx>

FR. BRIAN MCWEENEY, DIRECTOR, ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs



Publisher : Image; Reprint edition (March 4, 2014)

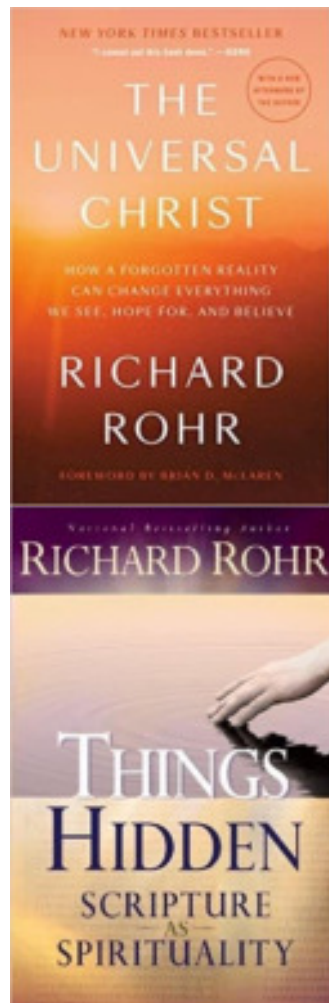
Language : English

Paperback : 304 pages

ISBN-10 : 0307720527

ISBN-13 : 978-0307720528

Submitted by Fr. James DiLuzio C.S.P. Director, Paulist National Office for Ecumenical and Multi-Faith Relations, M.Div. Catholic University, Washington D.C. Board Member of Religions for Peace USA



Publisher : Convergent Books; Reprint edition (February 16, 2021)

Language : English

Paperback : 288 pages

ISBN-10 : 059323832X

SBN-13 : 978-0593238325

"[Rohr] invitingly asks Christian readers to bring together their thinking about Jesus (the historical person) and Christ (the savior) in order to recognize God in the world around them . . . Rohr's innovative reflections will inspire believing readers to think deeply about the nature of God." *Publishers Weekly*

Only when the two come together, inner and outer authority, do we have true spiritual wisdom. We have for too long insisted on outer authority alone, without any teaching of prayer, inner journey and maturing consciousness. The results for the world and for religion have been disastrous....I offer these reflections to again unite what should never have been separated: sacred Scripture and Christian spirituality. —From the Introduction

https://www.amazon.com/Things-Hidden-Scripture-as-Spirituality/dp/0867166592/ref=sr_1_2?crd=2TFIXTI X16IOA&keywords=SCRIPTURE+AS+SPIRITUALITY&qid=1641841834&s=books&srefix=scripture+as+spirituality%2Cstripbooks%2C99&sr=1-2

LUTHERAN CHURCH (The first of the Reformation Churches dated 1513 C.E.) Recommendation submissions pending

<https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Lutheranism>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Lutheranism>

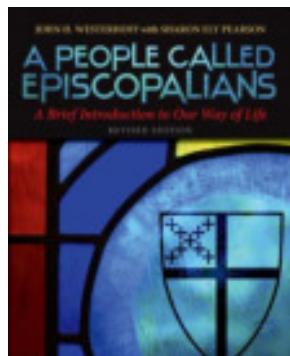
The Episcopal Church

(The American development of the ANGLICAN CHURCH, traced to the English settlements in Jamestown, VA in 1607 C.E.) See [https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Episcopal Church \(United States\)](https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Episcopal_Church_(United_States))

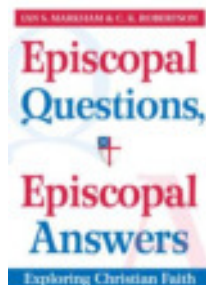
See also <https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Anglicanism>

The following submitted by The Rev'd Margaret R. Rose ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS DEPUTY to the PRESIDING BISHOP| The Episcopal Church | 212-922-5354 c:917-476-8814

[ChurchPublishing.org: A People Called Episcopalians](http://ChurchPublishing.org)



Who are we as Episcopalians? This concise booklet explores five main areas of Episcopal life: identity, authority, spirituality, temperament, and polity. Offering a great introduction to the Episcopal way in readable prose for any newcomer or seeker in the Episcopal Church who may wonder what makes Episcopalians different than Roman Catholics or other Protestant denominations.
[Read a sample chapter here.](#)



Episcopal Questions, Episcopal Answers Exploring Christian Faith

Ian S. Markham & C. K. Robertson

Mar/2014, 112 Pages, PAPERBACK, 5.5 x 8.5

ISBN-13: 9780819223098

<https://www.churchpublishing.org/episcopalquestions/episcopalanswers>

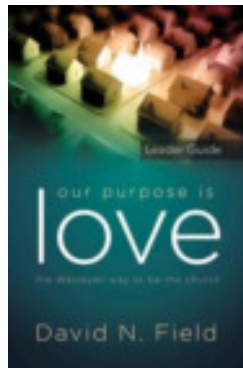
METHODISM

 (a spiritual renewals movement that began in the Anglican Church in England by John Wesley and his brother Charles in the early 18th Century)

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst, Ecumenical Staff Officer for the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church. Our office is located in Washington, DC.

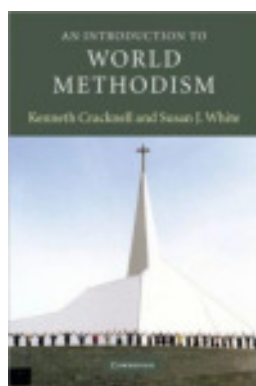
General Public:

David Field, *Our Purpose Is Love: The Wesleyan Way to Be the Church*; Nashville: Abingdon Press; 2018.



[Our Purpose Is Love Leader Guide: The Wesleyan way to be the church by David N. Field, Paperback | Barnes & Noble® \(barnesandnoble.com\)](#)

Academic: Kenneth Cracknell and Susan White; *An Introduction to World Methodism*; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press; 2005.



ISBN-10:
052152170X
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9780521521703
Pub. Date:
06/28/2005
Publisher:
Cambridge University Press
[An Introduction to World Methodism by Kenneth Cracknell, Susan J. White | 9780521521703 | Paperback | Barnes & Noble® \(barnesandnoble.com\)](#)

ISLAM (a major world religion by the Prophet Muhammad in Arabia in the 7th century CE.). Official recommendations pending

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Islam>

<https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Islam>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Sunni>

https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Sunni_Islam

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Shii>

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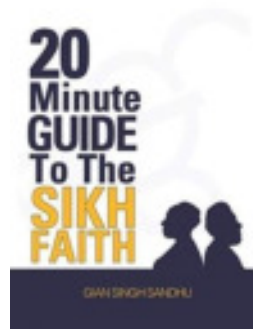
SIKHISM

Sikhism developed from the spiritual teachings of Guru Nanak (1469–1539 C.E.)

Submitted by Dr. Satpal Singh, Professor SUNY at Buffalo School of Medicine, and a Bopard Member of Religions for Peace, USA

The Sikh Coalition: This guide presents some basic information about Sikhs and the Sikh Faith for the general public. It includes information on demographics, history, Sikh diaspora, core beliefs and practices, and other similar aspects of the faith.

<https://www.sikhcoalition.org/resources/sikhism-reporters-guide/>



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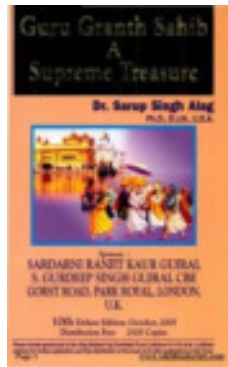
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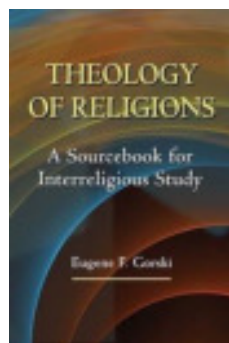
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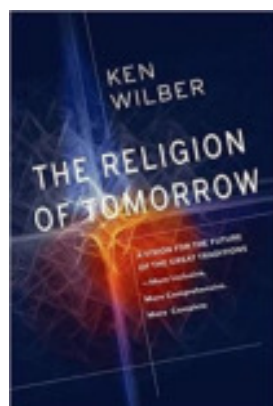
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