

Free read Rudolf otto religious experience (Read Only)

almond places otto s theory of religion within the context of his life 1869 1937 looking closely at the significant influences on otto s thought among them thinkers as different as kant and the german pietists elements of otto s theories are shown to be closely related to the social and intellectual milieu of germany both before and after world war i almond examines otto s conception of the holy of rational and nonrational elements of religion and compares his views with those of his contemporaries originally published 1984 a unc press enduring edition unc press enduring editions use the latest in digital technology to make available again books from our distinguished backlist that were previously out of print these editions are published unaltered from the original and are presented in affordable paperback formats bringing readers both historical and cultural value the idea of the holy is one of the enduring classics of 20th century german theology the lutheran theologian rudolf otto coined the term numinous and defined it as a non rational non sensory experience or feeling whose primary and immediate object is outside the self otto s work had a massive influence on thinkers as diverse as paul tillich and c s lewis the book contains the following chapters i the rational and the non rational ii numen and the numinous iii the elements in the numinous iv mysterium tremendum v the analysis of mysterium vi the element of fascination vii analogies and associated feelings viii the holy as a category of value ix means of expression of the numinous x the numinous in the old testament xi the numinous in the new testament xii the numinous in luther xiii the two processes of development xiv the holy as an a priori category xv its earliest manifestations xvi the cruder phases xvii the holy as an a priori category xviii the manifestations of the holy and the faculty of divination xix divination in primitive christianity xx divination in christianity today xxi history and the a priori in religion summary and conclusion the author traces the development of rudolf otto s attempt to construct a normative science of religion this should respond to concerns facing protestant theologians in germany at the turn of the century moreover he examines the reception of otto s ideas after world war one the volume contains name and subject indexes this collection of essays introduced selected and translated by gregory d alles aims to broaden the image of otto available to english readers it presents previously untranslated writings of otto the politician social commentator and churchman also included are otto s autobiographical reflections and a sampling from his late essays on

ethics in an informative introduction gregory d alles outlines the discussions that otto s ideas have evoked and traces the impact of otto s thought on theology and the academic study of religions he also examines criticisms of otto s ideas and makes suggestions for future research it is not by coincidence that the key figures in the psychology of religion william james rudolf otto carl jung and erik erikson each fought a lifelong battle with melancholia argues donald capps in this engrossing book these four men experienced similar traumas in early childhood each perceived a loss of mother s unconditional love in the deep melancholy that resulted they turned to religion capps contends that the main impetus for men to become religious lies in such melancholia and that these four authors were typical although their losses were especially severe because of complicating personal circumstances offering a new way of viewing the major classics in the psychology of religion capps explores the psychological origins of these authors own religious visions through a sensitive examination of their writings this book provides an up to date treatment of rudolf otto and his work placing him in the context of comparative religion theology and the philosophy of religion yoshitsugu sawai shows how otto has three faces the lutheran theologian the philosopher of religion and the comparative religionist the book also shows how of these otto saw himself primarily as a lutheran theologian and provides an account of otto s engagement with india and the centrality that hindu theology had on his thinking in otto s theory of religion his well known concepts including wholly other and numinous constitute a multiple structure of meaning for example his concept of the wholly other das ganz andere no doubt has the meaning of god in his christian theological studies at the same time however from the perspective of comparative religion or the phenomenology of religion this same term semantically implies the ultimate reality of other religious traditions brahman and god isvara in hindu religious tradition as well as god in christianity since its founding by jacques waardenburg in 1971 religion and reason has been a leading forum for contributions on theories theoretical issues and agendas related to the phenomenon and the study of religion topics include among others category formation comparison ethnophilosophy hermeneutics methodology myth phenomenology philosophy of science scientific atheism structuralism and theories of religion from time to time the series publishes volumes that map the state of the art and the history of the discipline this book attempts to penetrate the nature of that strange spiritual phenomenon which we call mysticism by comparing the two principal classic types of eastern and western mystical experience by means of this comparison and by explaining the individual features of one type by those of the other the nature of mysticism itself becomes gradually more comprehensible from the foreword fundamentally d150a 1 d155a 1 dozer bulldozer

factor in the idea of the divine and its relation to the rational rudolf otto 1869 1937 was one of the most important contributors to the study of religions at the beginning of the 20th century his book the idea of the holy became a sensation in its time and his account of numinous experience as a mysterium tremendum et fascinans a mystery that both repels and attracts had an effect equalled by few other ideas in the study of religions his vocabulary broke through narrow disciplinary bounds and was taken up by scholars in a variety of disciplines in the humanities and the social sciences since the 1960s otto has been increasingly overlooked and neglected as thinkers and scholars have turned in many other intellectual directions they have tended to see otto as representative of a past to be rejected the holy in a pluralistic world gathers essays from a variety of perspectives theology religious studies intellectual history and cultural studies to address what otto s legacy for the 21st century might be this volume explores otto s ideas and their contexts then turns to the area that otto more than any other german theologian or philosopher of religion opened up an engagement with the world of religions however otto s influence has never been confined to systematic religious thought and the study of religions his ideas have resonated more widely and essays presented here examine this wider impact in architecture poetry politics and the contemporary world more generally the holy in a pluralistic world is not an attempt to revivify rudolf otto nor offer a magisterial statement about otto s significance today it issues an invitation to those with an interest not just in religions but also in cultural phenomena to take another look at otto and his ideas perhaps they will find more than they expect and something that they can use digicat publishing presents to you this special edition of naturalism and religion by rudolf otto digicat publishing considers every written word to be a legacy of humankind every digicat book has been carefully reproduced for republishing in a new modern format the books are available in print as well as ebooks digicat hopes you will treat this work with the acknowledgment and passion it deserves as a classic of world literature this element looks critically at the history and epistemology of religious experience and how the concept can be fruitfully expanded scm veritas engages in critical and original questions of pressing concern to both philosophers and theologians the major concern of all books in this series is to display a rigorous theological critique of categories not often thought to be theological in character such as phenomenology or metaphysics which are mainly considered as philosophical categories all the books in this series aim to illustrate that without theology something essential is lost in our accounts of such categories not only in the abstract but in the way in which we inhabit the world phenomenology and the holy is a study of the holy which attempts to find this both in the ordinary and the extraordinary

the reduction of the holy to a discrete and separated field of experience phenomenology is a key area of twentieth century philosophy in which there is a wide interest not only among philosophers but also among theologians and religious studies scholars this book engages the problem of how in the 21st century we are to speak about experiences of the extraordinary anomalous extreme which occur on a transhistorical and transcultural basis critical re readings of seminal texts show how 20th century theoreticians in the humanities sought to erase madness from their irrational subjects this propensity to sanitize madness in the study of religions was mirrored by the instinct of psychiatrists to degrade religious experiences by reducing mad consciousness to psychosis or dissociation richard saville smith introduces explanatory pluralism as a way of recognizing these disciplinary biases and mad studies as a way of negotiating this understanding the disproportionate significance of madness in shaping the fabric of the human story can then be recovered from both erasure and dismissal to be given the recognition previously denied as acute religious experiences acute religious experiences divides into three sections beginning with re readings of william james s pathological programme rudolf otto s numinous t k oesterreich s possession mircea eliade s shamanism walter stace s mysticism walter pahnke s psychedelic experience and abraham maslow s peak experiences these ideas are shown to constitute the beginnings of a fractured discourse on the irrational in part two contemporary psychiatry s diagnostic and statistical manual dsm and foucault s history of madness are re read to reposition madness as not necessarily pathological this opens the way for the identification of acute religious experiences as a new holistic and post colonial approach through which religious data can be organized and addressed on a comparative basis in part three the gospel of mark is re read as a case study to demonstrate the novel insights which flow from the identification of acute religious experiences richard saville smith draws on his own experiences of madness and his phd from the school of divinity at the university of edinburgh to elucidate his research in religious history and theology parallels and convergences in the history of religion a universal religion darwinism and religion the common tasks of protestantism an inter religious league more than a few people today scoff at the notion of religious experience what the believer accepts as god acting in human lives the skeptic attributes to delusion or hysteria especially when the believer is a woman indeed the possibility of self deception in the realm of religious experience is sufficiently great that even devotees tread softly around it at what point does mindless enthusiasm come to an end and actual transcendent reality begin sidney callahan a psychologist author and christian ethicist describes authentic religious experience as the work of a creative god of komatsu d150a 1 d155a 1 dozer bulldozer

coercion human beings are wired for relationship they move instinctively toward a dynamic presence who abides within the world and in human affairs in this madeleva lecture delivered at saint mary s college in indiana callahan affirms not only the reality but also the usefulness of private religious experiences especially those of women barred from hierarchical authority which she says can be a rich source of strength for the church beginning with the insights of william james and rudolf otto and borrowing from contemporary theologians karl rahner and john e thiel callahan describes the way religious signals emerge into society through the attentive reflection of individuals and the world is better for it women who hear voices and see visions and have prophetic and intimate religious experiences she states have given witness to god s justice and equality while affirming god s maternal love book jacket title summary field provided by blackwell north america inc all rights reserved how is religious experience to be identified described analyzed and explained is it independent of concepts beliefs and practices how can we account for its authority under what conditions might a person identify his or her experience as religious wayne proudfoot shows that concepts beliefs and linguistic practices are presupposed by the rules governing this identification of an experience as religious some of these characteristics can be understood by attending to the conditions of experience among which are beliefs about how experience is to be explained annotation ann taves addresses the subject of religious experience directly and the problems of reductionism and humanistic fears of the sciences indirectly and by example the orientation of this book is practical more than philosophical many regard religious experience as the essence of religion arguing that narratives might be created and rituals invented but that these are always secondary to the original experience itself however the concept of experience has come under increasing fire from a range of critics and theorists this reader presents writings from both those who assume the existence and possible universality of religious experience and those who question the very rhetoric of experience bringing together both classic and contemporary writings the reader showcases differing disciplinary approaches to the study of religious experience philosophy literary and cultural theory history psychology anthropology feminist theory as well as writings from within religious studies the essays are structured into pairs with each essay separately introduced with information on its historical and intellectual context the ultimate aim of the reader is to enable students to explore religious experience as rhetoric created to authorize social identities the book will be an invaluable introduction to the key ideas and approaches for students of religion as well as sociology and anthropology

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joachim wach joan wallach scott raymond williams mark wreford examines the reasons that prompted the new testament writers to create the texts which would become the formation of the christian religion exploring the possibility that certain religious experiences were understood as revelatory and consequently inspired the writing of texts which were seen as special from their inception wreford uses luke acts and galatians as test cases within the new testament reflecting both on the stated importance of religious experiences whether the author s own or others to the development of these texts and the status the texts claim for themselves wreford suggests that luke acts offers a helpful example of the relationship between religious experience and the creation of scripture as an extensive narrative which reflects on early christian claims to spirit inspired witness and which begins with an explicit authorial statement of purpose similarly in galatians paul s autobiographical account of god s revelation of christ to him is the foundation of a letter that is intended to play an authoritative role in shaping its addressees own faith and practice wreford argues that religious experiences are presented as the driving force behind the creation of the texts examining how such religious experience links with notions of scripture and canonicity he then asserts that both luke and paul understood themselves to be creating new scriptural writings on the basis of their relationship to new religious experiences citing the experience and speech at pentecost the inclusion of gentiles in the experience and paul s own conversion experience as key elements behind the self understanding of these new testament authors the author approaches the phenomenon religious experience through a qualitative study in which young urban people from europe and the usa are empirically examined it becomes clear that individuals themselves are constructive agents of experience and theology religious experience manifests itself as a transformative perspective of hope in the lives of young people the study ends with a plea for a theology from below based on liberation theology and feminist theories in which contextual perspectives are central to practical theological theorising religious experience revisited explores the contested relationship between experiences and expressions of religion the entanglements of experience and expression are taken as a point of departure to develop a hermeneutics of religion in interdisciplinary and international perspectives where do you seek god are you waiting for him to appear in a monumental life altering event in god moments catholic blogger andy otto shows you how to discover the unexpected beauty of god s presence in the story of ordinary things and in everyday routines like preparing breakfast or walking in the woods drawing on the ignatian principles of awareness prayer and discernment otto will help you discover the transforming power of god s presence in your life and better understand your place in the world

presence in surprising moments during his life when as a jesuit scholastic he taught children in jamaica and also as he discerned the call to marriage with his wife by combining elements of ignatian spirituality with the lessons that came from his experiences otto identified three practices that helped him find god in all things awareness gain an understanding that god is present in the ordinary messiness of our lives such as battle with depression or sharing in the struggle of a friend prayer develop a prayer life using ignatian practices such as asking for a morning grace and examining how your prayer was answered at the end of the day that way you can focus on a personal relationship with god that finds everyday physical activities such as making a meal as an opportunity to talk to him discernment the more you are aware of god s presence and draw closer to him in prayer the better you can learn how to plug into god s narrative of the world in a way that enables you to participate in the divine story through the use of your gifts and talents with god moments as a guide you ll have a better understanding of how to seek personal wholeness in the reality of god s presence in the ordinary and learn to accept his invitation to participate in his transformation of the world for many christians personal experiences of god provide an important ground or justification for accepting the truth of the gospel but we are sometimes mistaken about our experiences and followers of other religions also provide impressive testimonies to support their religious beliefs this book explores from a philosophical and theological perspective the viability of divine encounters as support for belief in god arguing that some religious experiences can be accepted as genuine experiences of god and can provide evidence for christian beliefs this is a new release of the original 1926 edition melissa raphael presents a critical examination of the contribution made to the twentieth century concept of holiness by the german protestant rudolf otto 1869 1937 contrary to the received view that otto s work is primarily significant to the history and practice of the phenomenology of religion this book argues that otto s idea of the holy should be an anchor concept of theological discourse offers a state of the art contribution by providing critical analyses of and creative insights to the nature of religious experience many regard religious experience as the essence of religion arguing that narratives might be created and rituals invented but that these are always secondary to the original experience itself however the concept of experience has come under increasing fire from a range of critics and theorists this reader presents writings from both those who assume the existence and possible universality of religious experience and those who question the very rhetoric of experience bringing together both classic and contemporary writings the reader showcases differing disciplinary approaches to the study of religious experience philosophy literature and history

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interwoven throughout the human existence of persons and institutions in this context he studies motivations and their ambivalences religious experiences and their ambiguities conflicts between religious belief and unbelief and the various expressions and practices of religion this new companion to william james the varieties of religious experience offers contemporary responses to james s seminal book from key international experts in esotericism in african american religious experience there is a mystery stephen c finley margarita simon guillory and hugh r page jr assemble twenty groundbreaking essays that provide a rationale and parameters for africana esoteric studies as a new trans disciplinary enterprise focused on the investigation of esoteric lore and practices in africa and the african diaspora the goals of this new field while akin to those of religious studies africana studies and western esoteric studies are focused on the impulses that give rise to africana esoteric traditions acts and the ways in which they can be understood as loci where issues such as race ethnicity and identity are engaged and in which identity embodiment resistance and meaning are negotiated featuring comprehensive updates and additions the second edition of understanding theories of religion explores the development of major theories of religion through the works of classic and contemporary figures a new edition of this introductory text exploring the core methods and theorists in religion spanning the sixteenth century through to the latest theoretical trends features an entirely new section covering religion and postmodernism race sex and gender and religion and postcolonialism examines the development of religious theories through the work of classic and contemporary figures from the history of anthropology sociology psychology philosophy and theology reveals how the study of religion evolved in response to great cultural conflicts and major historical events student friendly features include chapter introductions and summaries biographical vignettes a timeline a glossary and many other learning aids this book offers a historical introduction to fundamental questions in the philosophy of religion it is divided into twenty five chapters the first chapter discusses the nature of piety drawing on plato s euthyphro the next three chapters discuss the nature of evil free will foreknowledge and sin in the context of augustine s on free choice of will chapter five discusses anslem s ontological argument for the existence of god chapter six explores ibn sina s account of the nature of the soul and immortality the next two chapters explore the foundations of religious belief and mysticism in the company of al ghazali s the rescuer from error chapters nine through eleven discuss aquinas s arguments for the existence of god as well as his account of god s impersonal and personal attributes the twelfth chapter explores marguerite porete s account of mystical ascent as well as the doctrines of heaven and hell chapter

argument for belief in the existence of god chapters fourteen through sixteen discuss spinoza s understanding of god our relationship to god and the foundations of morality chapters seventeen through nineteen explore the argument from design the existence of god deism and the problem of evil chapter twenty investigates mary shepherd s defense of belief in miracles while chapter twenty one explores mill s views on the utility of religion finally chapters twenty three through twenty five explore the origins of modern morality and the relationship between religion and nihilism in the company of nietzsche s on the genealogy of morality

Theories of Religious Experience

1938

Almond places Otto's theory of religion within the context of his life 1869-1937, looking closely at the significant influences on Otto's thought among other thinkers as different as Kant and the German Pietists. Elements of Otto's theories are shown to be closely related to the social and intellectual milieu of Germany both before and after World War I. Almond examines Otto's conception of the Holy, of rational and nonrational elements of religion, and compares his views with those of his contemporaries. Originally published 1984, UNC Press Enduring Edition. UNC Press Enduring Editions use the latest in digital technology to make available again books from our distinguished backlist that were previously out of print. These editions are published unaltered from the original and are presented in affordable paperback formats, bringing readers both historical and cultural value.

Rudolf Otto's Interpretation of Religion

1947

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Rudolf Otto

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Autobiographical and Social Essays

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Men, Religion, and Melancholia

1997-01-01

since its founding by Jacques Waardenburg in 1971, *Religion and Reason* has been a leading forum for contributions on theoretical issues and agendas related to the phenomenon and the study of religion. Topics include, among others, category formation, comparison, ethnophilosophy, hermeneutics, methodology, myth, phenomenology, philosophy of science, scientific atheism, structuralism, and theories of religion. From time to time, the series publishes volumes that map the state of the art and the history of the discipline.

Rudolf Otto and the Foundation of the History of Religions

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Mystical Experience and Religious Doctrine

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Mysticism East and West

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The Idea of the Holy

1958

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Religious Experience

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1973

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The Holy in a Pluralistic World

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Naturalism and Religion

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Religious Experience

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Phenomenology and the Holy

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how is religious experience to be identified described analyzed and explained is it independent of concepts beliefs and practices how can we account for its authority under what conditions might a person identify his or her experience as religious wayne proudfoot shows that concepts beliefs and linguistic practices are presupposed by the rules governing this identification of an experience as religious some of these characteristics can be understood by attending to the conditions of experience among which are beliefs about how experience is to be explained

Types of Religious Experience, Christian and Non-Christian

1951

annotation ann taves addresses the subject of religious experience directly and the problems of reductionism and humanistic fears of the sciences indirectly and by example the orientation of this book is practical more than philosophical

Acute Religious Experiences

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Religious Essays

1931

mark wreford examines the reasons that prompted the new testament writers to create the texts which would become the formation of the christian religion exploring the possibility that certain religious experiences were understood as revelatory and consequently inspired the writing of texts which were seen as special from their inception wreford uses luke acts and galatians as test cases within the new testament reflecting both on the stated importance of religious experiences whether the author s own or others to the development of these texts and the status the texts claim for themselves wreford suggests that luke acts offers a helpful example of the relationship between religious experience and the creation of scripture as an extensive narrative which reflects on early christian claims to spirit inspired witness and which begins with an explicit authorial statement of purpose similarly in galatians paul s autobiographical account of god s revelation of christ to him is the foundation of a letter that is intended to play an authoritative role in shaping its addressees own faith and practice wreford argues that religious experiences are presented as the driving force behind the creation of the texts examining how such religious experience links with notions of scripture and canonicity he then asserts that both luke and paul understood themselves to be creating new scriptural writings on the basis of their relationship to new religious experiences citing the experience and speech at pentecost the inclusion of gentiles in the

experience and paul s own conversion experience as key elements behind the self understanding of these new testament authors

Women who Hear Voices

2003

the author approaches the phenomenon religious experience through a qualitative study in which young urban people from europe and the usa are empirically examined it becomes clear that individuals themselves are constructive agents of experience and theology religious experience manifests itself as a transformative perspective of hope in the lives of young people the study ends with a plea for a theology from below based on liberation theology and feminist theories in which contextual perspectives are central to practical theological theorising

Religious Experience

1987-09-14

religious experience revisited explores the contested relationship between experiences and expressions of religion the entanglements of experience and expression are taken as a point of departure to develop a hermeneutics of religion in interdisciplinary and international perspectives

Religious Experience Reconsidered

2011-10-23

where do you seek god are you waiting for him to appear in a monumental life altering event in god moments catholic blogger andy otto

shows you how to discover the unexpected beauty of god s presence in the story of ordinary things and in everyday routines like preparing breakfast or walking in the woods drawing on the ignatian principles of awareness prayer and discernment otto will help you discover the transforming power of god s presence in your life and better understand your place in the world andy otto found god s presence in surprising moments during his life when as a jesuit scholastic he taught children in jamaica and also as he discerned the call to marriage with his wife by combining elements of ignatian spirituality with the lessons that came from his experiences otto identified three practices that helped him find god in all things awareness gain an understanding that god is present in the ordinary messiness of our lives such as battle with depression or sharing in the struggle of a friend prayer develop a prayer life using ignatian practices such as asking for a morning grace and examining how your prayer was answered at the end of the day that way you can focus on a personal relationship with god that finds everyday physical activities such as making a meal as an opportunity to talk to him discernment the more you are aware of god s presence and draw closer to him in prayer the better you can learn how to plug into god s narrative of the world in a way that enables you to participate in the divine story through the use of your gifts and talents with god moments as a guide you ll have a better understanding of how to seek personal wholeness in the reality of god s presence in the ordinary and learn to accept his invitation to participate in his transformation of the world

Religious Experience

2014-09-11

for many christians personal experiences of god provide an important ground or justification for accepting the truth of the gospel but we are sometimes mistaken about our experiences and followers of other religions also provide impressive testimonies to support their religious beliefs this book explores from a philosophical and theological perspective the viability of divine encounters as support for belief in god arguing that some religious experiences can be accepted as genuine experiences of god and can provide evidence for christian beliefs

Religious Experience and the Creation of Scripture

2021-01-28

this is a new release of the original 1926 edition

Religious Experience and Its Transformational Power

2023-06-19

melissa raphael presents a critical examination of the contribution made to the twentieth century concept of holiness by the german protestant rudolf otto 1869 1937 contrary to the received view that otto s work is primarily significant to the history and practice of the phenomenology of religion this book argues that otto s idea of the holy should be an anchor concept of theological discourse

Religious Experience Revisited

2016-09-07

offers a state of the art contribution by providing critical analyses of and creative insights to the nature of religious experience

God Moments

2017-04-07

many regard religious experience as the essence of religion arguing that narratives might be created and rituals invented but that these are

always secondary to the original experience itself however the concept of experience has come under increasing fire from a range of critics and theorists this reader presents writings from both those who assume the existence and possible universality of religious experience and those who question the very rhetoric of experience bringing together both classic and contemporary writings the reader showcases differing disciplinary approaches to the study of religious experience philosophy literary and cultural theory history psychology anthropology feminist theory as well as writings from within religious studies the essays are structured into pairs with each essay separately introduced with information on its historical and intellectual context the ultimate aim of the reader is to enable students to explore religious experience as rhetoric created to authorize social identities the book will be an invaluable introduction to the key ideas and approaches for students of religion as well as sociology and anthropology contributors robert desjarlais diana eck william james craig martin russell t mccutcheon wayne proudfoot robert sharf ann taves charles taylor joachim wach joan wallach scott raymond williams

Religious Experience and the Knowledge of God

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in the holy spirit and christian experience simeon zahl presents a fresh vision for christian theology that foregrounds the relationship between theological ideas and the experiences of christians he argues that theology is always operating in a vibrant landscape of feeling and desiring and shows that contemporary theology has often operated in problematic isolation from these experiential dynamics he then argues that a theologically serious doctrine of the holy spirit not only authorizes but requires attention to christian experience against this background zahl outlines a new methodological approach to christian theology that attends to the emotional and experiential power of theological ideas this methodology draws on recent interdisciplinary work on affect and emotion which has shown that affects are powerful motivating realities that saturate all dimensions of human thinking and acting in the process zahl also explains why contemporary theology has often been ambivalent about subjective experience and demonstrates that current discourse about god s activity in the world is often artificially abstracted from experience and embodiment at the heart of the book zahl proposes a new account of the theology of grace from this experiential and

pneumatological perspective focusing on the work of the holy spirit in salvation and sanctification he retrieves insights from augustine luther and philip melanchthon to present an affective and augustinian vision of salvation as a pedagogy of desire in articulating this vision zahl engages critically with recent emphasis on participation and theosis in christian soteriology and charts a new path forward for protestant theology in a landscape hitherto dominated by the theological visions of barth and aquinas

The Idea of the Holy

2013-10

this book focuses attention on the central elements of human religious existence vergote s primary aim and viewpoint are clear to examine empirically and to interpret dynamically the psychological factors at work in the field of religion vergote consistently adheres to the position that psychology is neither philosophy nor theology and that its task is not to explain religion in this work he situates religion as a cultural fact and studies how persons orient themselves to it positively and or negatively rather than emphasise and juxtapose belief and unbelief as alternative positions he sees them as threads of experiences interwoven throughout the human existence of persons and institutions in this context he studies motivations and their ambivalences religious experiences and their ambiguities conflicts between religious belief and unbelief and the various expressions and practices of religion

Rudolf Otto and the Concept of Holiness

1997

this new companion to william james the varieties of religious experience offers contemporary responses to james s seminal book from key international experts

The Cambridge Companion to Religious Experience

2020-07-16

in esotericism in african american religious experience there is a mystery stephen c finley margarita simon guillory and hugh r page jr assemble twenty groundbreaking essays that provide a rationale and parameters for africana esoteric studies as a new trans disciplinary enterprise focused on the investigation of esoteric lore and practices in africa and the african diaspora the goals of this new field while akin to those of religious studies africana studies and western esoteric studies are focused on the impulses that give rise to africana esoteric traditions aets and the ways in which they can be understood as loci where issues such as race ethnicity and identity are engaged and in which identity embodiment resistance and meaning are negotiated

Religious Experience

2014-09-11

featuring comprehensive updates and additions the second edition of understanding theories of religion explores the development of major theories of religion through the works of classic and contemporary figures a new edition of this introductory text exploring the core methods and theorists in religion spanning the sixteenth century through to the latest theoretical trends features an entirely new section covering religion and postmodernism race sex and gender and religion and postcolonialism examines the development of religious theories through the work of classic and contemporary figures from the history of anthropology sociology psychology philosophy and theology reveals how the study of religion evolved in response to great cultural conflicts and major historical events student friendly features include chapter introductions and summaries biographical vignettes a timeline a glossary and many other learning aids

The Holy Spirit and Christian Experience

2020-06-11

this book offers a historical introduction to fundamental questions in the philosophy of religion it is divided into twenty five chapters the first chapter discusses the nature of piety drawing on plato s euthyphro the next three chapters discuss the nature of evil free will foreknowledge and sin in the context of augustine s on free choice of will chapter five discusses anslem s ontological argument for the existence of god chapter six explores ibn sina s account of the nature of the soul and immortality the next two chapters explore the foundations of religious belief and mysticism in the company of al ghazali s the rescuer from error chapters nine through eleven discuss aquinas s arguments for the existence of god as well as his account of god s impersonal and personal attributes the twelfth chapter explores marguerite porete s account of mystical ascent as well as the doctrines of heaven and hell chapter thirteen discusses pascal s pragmatic argument for belief in the existence of god chapters fourteen through sixteen discuss spinoza s understanding of god our relationship to god and the foundations of morality chapters seventeen through nineteen explore the argument from design the existence of god deism and the problem of evil chapter twenty investigates mary shepherd s defense of belief in miracles while chapter twenty one explores mill s views on the utility of religion finally chapters twenty three through twenty five explore the origins of modern morality and the relationship between religion and nihilism in the company of nietzsche s on the genealogy of morality

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