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Women and World Religions 2002

this book features a number of different articles and essays that focus on women as active agents of their spiritual lives a topic that is often overlooked in most other world religion books it explores how women from many parts of the world have thought about acted and have been treated as members of a religious tradition investigates how women of a variety of religious traditions e g hinduism buddhism islam christianity etc practice their religion how their beliefs differ from men and how they have carved out their own place within their religious tradition for anyone interested in how women are shaped by and how they shape the various world religions

Women and World Religions 1989

an exploration of the impact that religious experience symbols doctrines and rituals have had on women worldwide from buddhism to catholicism

Religion and Women 1994-01-01

this book discusses the position of women in the native american african shinto jaina zoroastrian sikh and baha i faiths for the first time in a single volume and evolves a conceptual framework within which their positions could be comprehensively considered the contributing scholars provide an enlarged database for a more thorough discussion of the questions pertaining to women and religion in general and simultaneously advance the theoretical frontiers in women s studies religion and women belongs to a trilogy about women and world religions edited by arvind sharma the first and third volumes being respectively women in world religions and today s woman in world religions

Women in Religion 2001-01-01

the place of women in the religions both as expressed in the classical writings and as experienced in life is carefully considered in this book it deals with what part women can and or do play in religious institutions how relevant religion is to their general role in society and the significance of cultural influences for attitudes to women within the religious traditions addressing important issues of the day this series examines how each of the eight major religions approaches a particular theme constructed to be comparative the books are both authoritative and accessible each chapter is followed by a selected bibliography this book is ideal for undergraduate students

Women within Religions 2019-12-05

women are the majority in almost every cultural or social group however their roles vary in various cultures religions and traditions in some cultures and religions they are highly honored while in others they are neglected oppressed and segregated this book examines women s role in a few selected world religions namely christianity islam african traditional religion hinduism and buddhism it also surveys the concept of patriarchy and the various theoretical perspectives surrounding it eventually this book discusses the concept of ecofeminism and how feminists perceive of the relationship between nature and the oppression of women the book grapples with the question in what way do world religions perceive of women and their role in their teachings and traditions this book is important for students and teachers of gender studies african theology and christian theology as a whole

Feminism and World Religions 1999-01-01

addressing religion and feminism on a global scale this unprecedented book contains a nuanced and fine tuned treatment of seven of the world's religions from a feminist perspective by leading women scholars the fact that these authors share a dual but undivided commitment both to themselves as women and to their traditions as adherents imparts to their voices a prophetic quality and if mahatma gandhi is to be believed even scriptural value

Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America, Set 2006-04-19

a fundamental and well illustrated reference collection for anyone interested in the role of women in north american religious life

Today's Woman in World Religions 1994-01-01

this book examines how the women s movement is affecting traditional religions and civilizations throughout the world it reviews cases of global impact in hinduism buddhism taoism confucianism judaism christianity islam and australian aboriginal religion this volume completes the trilogy devoted to women in world religions edited by arvind sharma the second book in the series is entitled religion and women the present work surveys the position of women in the religious traditions covered in the first volume of the trilogy women in world religions placing these traditions in contemporary context

Women and Religion in the West 2016-02-11

what is the relationship between women and secularization in the west women are abandoning traditional religion yet they continue to make up the majority of religious adherents accounting for this seeming paradox is the focus of this volume if women undergird the foundations of religion but are leaving in large numbers why are they leaving where are they going what are they doing and what s happening to those who remain women and religion in the west addresses a neglected yet crucial issue within the debate on religious belonging and departure the role of women in and out of religion and spirituality beginning with an analysis of the relationship between gender and secularization the book moves its focus to in depth examination of women s experiences based on data from key recent qualitative work on women and religion this volume addresses not only women s place in and out of christianity the normal focus of secularization theories but also alternative spiritualities and islam asking how questions of secularization differ between faith systems this book offers students and scholars of religion sociology and women s studies as well as interested general readers an accessible work on the religiosity of western women and contributes fresh analyses of the rapidly shifting terrain of contemporary religion and spirituality

Women and Religion 1974

rita m gross offers an engaging survey of the changes feminism has wrought in religious ideas beliefs and practices around the world as well as in the study and understanding of religion itself this book will be an important resource for all ongoing work in feminist teaching and research in religion rosemary radford ruether

Feminism and Religion 1996

this edited collection provides interdisciplinary global and multi religious perspectives on the relationship between women s identities religion and social change in the contemporary world the book discusses the experiences and positions of women and particular groups of women to understand patterns of religiosity and religious change it also addresses the current and future challenges posed by women s changes to religion in different parts of the world and among different religious traditions and practices the contributors address a diverse range of themes and issues including the attitudes of different religions to gender equality how women construct their identity through religious activity whether women have opportunity to influence religious doctrine and the impact of migration on the religious lives of both women and men

Women and religion 2018-07-11

most of the early literature concerning women s religious experience is about exceptional women those who diverged from the traditional female role to become nuns mystics or charismatic leaders while women were permitted to be prophets and visionaries they rarely played an important part in church organisation this paradox is explored in this book and a number of themes emerge in particular the dominance of male symbolism within the great religions the question of whether men and women apprehend religious systems and signs in the same way is also explored in considering the contemporary scene the book is able to look at the ways in which religion affects the lives of women in different societies and in different historical periods this gives us a larger view of the ways in which our own perceptions of femaleness have been constructed out of the religious world views of both the past and the present first published in 1983

Women's Religious Experience (RLE Women and Religion) 2014-10-03

this 2 volume set presents new and innovative research by current scholars as well as the work of female religious scholars of the past the 600 entries include comparative study of issues such as mythology ordination and afterlife buddhism christianity islam judaism relationship of religion to study of art literature and science historical perspectives on religions both new and prehistoric biographies of religious leaders and scholars methods and theories for study of women in religion

Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion: A-K 1999

the chapters in this volume foreground the ambivalent role of religion and culture when it comes to african women s health and well being reflecting on the three major religions in africa i e african indigenous religions christianity and islam the authors illustrate how religious beliefs and practices can either enhance or hinder women s holistic progress and development with a specific focus on zimbabwean women s experiences of religion and culture the volume discusses how african indigenous religions christianity and islam tend to privilege men and understate the value of women in africa adopting diverse theological ideological and political positions contributors to this volume restate the fact that the key teachings of different religions often suppressed due to patriarchal influences are a potent resource in the quest for gender justice in sync with the goals for gender justice and women empowerment envisioned in the united nations agenda 2030 and africa agenda 2063 the contributors advocate for gender inclusive and life enhancing interpretations of religious and cultural traditions in africa

Women and Religion in Zimbabwe 2022-07-07

this volume explores the lives of women around the world from the perspective of the new and africana faiths they practice this probing and thought provoking series of essays brings together in one volume the multifaceted experiences of women in the new and africana religions as practiced today with this work religion becomes a lens for examining the lives of women of diverse ethnicities and nationalities across the social spectrum in women and new and africana religions readers hear from women from a number of religious spiritual persuasions around the world including africa asia the caribbean south america and north america these voices form the core of remarkable explorations of family and environment social and spiritual empowerment sexuality and power and ways in which worldview informs roles in religion and society each essay includes scene setting historical and social background information and fascinating insights from renowned scholars sharing their own research and firsthand experiences with their subjects

Women and New and Africana Religions 2009-10-27

just as a mirror captures a large area within its small limit this journal reflects the otherwise far ranging and far reaching phenomena that are categorized as women and religion the annual review of women in world religions has been conceived as a forum for the latest historical and anthropological research on women in all religions it is also a form for discussion of contemporary trends such as the influence of secularism fundamentalism or feminism on women and religion accordingly it contributes to the on going project to add to our basic knowledge about women and helps evaluate the past as well as the present through insights generated by gender studies today within the boundaries of academic scholarship the editors seek to include the research of those who are both inside and outside the traditions moreover the book encourages women and men of all beliefs to participate in the on going dialogue which it represents and promotes this journal is polymethodic interdisciplinary and multitraditional in its approach to the study of women and religion it not only allows the comparative dimension to appear in bolder relief but also helps to establish a dialogue between the two solitudes of humanistic and social scientific studies in the field volume iii contains the following essays ra bi ah as mystic muslim and woman by barbara lois helms slighted grandmothers the need for increased study of female spirits and spirituality in native american religions by jordan paper women of medieval south india in hindu temple ritual text and practice by leslie c orr and confucianism and women in modern korea continuity change and conflict by edward y j chung

The Annual Review of Women in World Religions 1993-11-18

this volume contains a collection of studies describing and analyzing stereotypes of women in the religions of ancient israel and mesopotamia and in zoroastrianism judaism medieval christianity islam indian sufism hinduism buddhism tibetan religions and modern neopaganism in all these traditions the stereotypes are based on generalizations which are socially culturally or religiously legitimized and which seem to have a lasting influence on society s conceptions of women they represent oversimplified opinions which are however regularly challenged by the women who are affected by them in all traditions the stereotypes are ambiguous either because women have challenged their validity or because historical developments in society have reshaped them they influence public opinion by emphasizing dominant views as a strategy to restrain women and to keep them controlled by the rules and morals of male dominated society

Woman and Religion 1988

a fundamental and well illustrated reference collection for anyone interested in the role of women in north american religious life

Female Stereotypes in Religious Traditions 1995

this title gives readers a deeper look at the arguments surrounding women s roles in religion readers will learn the history of women in religion and an overview of women in protestantism catholicism judaism islam and alternative religions color photos and informative sidebars accompany easy to follow text features include a table of contents timeline facts additional resources web sites a glossary a bibliography and an index essential viewpoints is a series in essential library an imprint of abdo publishing company

Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America: Women and religion: methods of study and reflection 2006

an introduction to the study of women in diverse religious cultures while women have made gains in equality over the past two centuries equality for women in many religious traditions remains contested throughout the world in the roman catholic church and the church of jesus christ of latter day saints women are not ordained as priests in areas of pakistan and afghanistan under taliban occupation girls and women students and their teachers risk their lives to go to school and in sri lanka fully ordained buddhist nuns are denied the government identity cards that recognize them as citizens is it possible to create families societies and religions in which women and men are equal and if so what are the factors that promote equality theory of women in religions offers an economic model to shed light on the forces that have impacted the respective statuses of women and men from the earliest

developmental stages of society through the present day catherine wessinger integrates data and theories from anthropology archaeology sociology history gender studies and psychology into a concise history of religions introduction to the complex relationship between gender and religion she argues that socio economic factors that support specific gender roles in conjunction with religious norms and ideals have created a gendered division of labor that both directly and indirectly reinforces gender inequality yet she also highlights how as the socio economic situation is changing religion is being utilized to support the transition toward women s equality noting the ways in which many religious representations of gender change over time

Women's Roles in Religion 2010-09-01

taking a critical look at feminism and exploring its explicit and implicit spiritual dimensions this revised and updated new edition of women and spirituality engages in a reflective dialogue with contemporary women s voices it asks to what extent patriarchal oppression and androcentric thinking are inherent not only in christianity but in all religious beliefs practices and institutions this is the only book which provides a comprehensive survey of current discussions in feminist theology and spirituality and offers a wide ranging account of women and world religions and raising thought provoking questions about the spiritual dimensions of human life

Theory of Women in Religions 2020-12-01

women and religion offers students a unique introduction to the process of reading and listening to women s stories of religious experience engaging and accessible the book provides a discussion of women s roles in and experiences of religion and spirituality primarily within the five major world religions hinduism buddhism judaism christianity and islam and also more broadly in other contexts the author presents women s experiences both within and separate from the normative sphere of established religious activity which is mainly represented by male dominated public rituals and texts the discussions are drawn together under major themes and issues across traditions and cultures topics covered include the marginalization of women and their religious experience within the structures of the major world religions including texts rituals and codes of law and behavior women s experience within less structured religious settings women s independent religious life bringing women from the periphery of religious experience to its center in order to hear them speak as religious and spiritual subjects and contemporary women s search for new and reimagined ancient forms of religious and spiritual life ideal for courses in women and religion this wide ranging text can also be used as supplementary reading for courses in world religions

Women and Spirituality 1993-07-21

covering eclectic topics ranging from south asian religion to motherhood to world dance to ethnomusicology this book focuses on contemporary selected experiences of women and how their lives interface with religion religion has often been perceived as the source of constriction for women s roles in society this volume explores how modern women across asia are mobilizing their faith traditions to address existential issues encountered in both the public and private realms relating to economics public participation politics and culture as such it is revealed that religion can be a powerful force for social change and ameliorating women s lives despite use of religious doctrine in the past to limit women editor zayn r kassam phd and the contributors cover not only the commonly considered asian traditions of hinduism islam and buddhism but also christianity judaism bahai and indigenous traditions the book reveals that the challenges and opportunities asian women face arise both from within and outside whether in terms of developments within their countries or in relation to international political and economic regimes the chapters explore how the issues asian women face have as much to do with cultural and religious codes as they do with politics economics education and the law consider the varying ways in which family and motherhood are affected by the state s construction of the gendered citizen by social constructs of motherhood and by policies regarding women and children's access to health care and identify the roles played by religion and spirituality in these circumstances

Women and Religion 2000

attitude towards women arvind sharma dionysus cybele and the madness of women j t sanders the sacrament of serpent handling mary lee daugherty cloister and salon in seventeenth century paris introduction to a study in women s history f ellen weaver who was rebekah on me be the curse my son christine garside allen the legacy of abraham carol delaney a mother in israel aspects of the mother role in jewish myth rachel adler from motherhood to sisterhood the search for female religious imagery in nineteenth and twentieth century theology gayle kimball feminists on christianity some nineteenth century parallels marilyn chapin massey and james a massey denial of the female affirmation of the feminine the father mother god of mary bak

Women and Asian Religions 2023

these essays attempt to fill a growing need for a more exact idea of the role of religion specifically in the judaeo christian tradition in shaping the traditional cultural images that have degraded and suppressed women this book provides in the compass of a single work a glimpse of the history of the relationship of patriarchal religion to feminine imagery and to the actual psychic and social self images of women

Beyond Androcentrism 1977

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Religion and Sexism 1998-07-09

provided on sikhism african religions santeria and native american religions and many others an added feature is the synoptic outline which provides conceptual themes to the reader this valuable resource is accessible to the high school and college student to the researcher and the general reader outstanding reference sources the 1999 selection of new titles american libraries may 1999 comp by the reference sources committee rusa ala

Women and Religion in Old and New Worlds 2001

though women have been objects more often than subjects of interreligious dialogue they have nevertheless contributed in significant ways to the dialogue just as the dialogue has also contributed to their own self understanding this volume the fifth in the interreligious dialogue series brings together historical critical and constructive approaches to the role of women in the dialogue between religions these approaches deal with concrete examples of women s involvement in dialogue critical reflections on the representation of women in dialogue and the important question of what women might bring to the dialogue together they open up new avenues for reflection on the nature and purpose of interreligious dialogue

Woman, Religion & Spirituality in Asia 2004

renowned subject experts michele a paludi and j harold ellens lead readers through a detailed exploration of the feminist methods issues and theoretical frameworks that have made women central not marginal to religions around the world at a conference in 2013 gloria steinem noted that religion is the biggest problem facing feminism today in this insightful volume a team of researchers psychologists and religious leaders led by editors michele a paludi and j harold ellens supply their expertise and informed opinions to examine the problems spur understanding and pose solutions to the conflicts between religion and women s rights thereby advocating a global interest in justice and love for women examples of subjects addressed include the pro life pro choice debate feminism in new age thought and the complex intersections of religion and feminism combined with gender race and ethnicity the contributed work in this unique single volume book enables a better understanding of how various religions view women both traditionally and in the modern context and how feminist thinking has changed the roles of women in some world religions readers will come away with clear ideas about how religious cultures can honor feminist values such as family friendly workplace policies reproductive justice and pay equity and will be prepared to engage in conversation and constructive debate regarding how faith and feminism are interrelated today

Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion: L-Y. Index 1999

the annual review of women in world religions represents a polymethodic interdisciplinary and multitraditional approach to the study of women and religion emphasizes the comparative dimension and establishes a dialogue between the humanities and the social sciences in this volume contributors examine the concept of immanence in a wide variety of theological and cultural contexts volume v includes the following contributions immanence catalyst for women s theologies by mary farrell bednarowski immanence and transcendence in women s thea ologies by cynthia eller immanence and relatedness psychological and ontological reflections by linda e olds immanence and transcendence in women s religious experience and expression a non theistic perspective by rita m gross women church re imagining immanence and transcendence by rosemary radford ruether immanence as music incarnate prelude to a feminist theology of music by heidi epstein the secret of jewish feminity immanence ritual purity and domestic romance by natalie catherine polzer and image and immanence the domestication of sor juana inés de la cruz by pamela kirk

Women and Interreligious Dialogue 2013-09-26

this major collection of essays makes a new contribution to the role and image of women in the different world religions many new perceptions are revealed in this provocative collection including insights into women in african traditional religions in evangelical christianity and in new religious movements which focus on some of todays fundamental questions are women hindered or encouraged to give full expression to their religious experience how far do the different religious traditions draw on feminine symbols in speaking about ultimate reality to what extent do women take part in ritual and religious practices or hold positions of authority what is the actual religious experience of women and how do women choose to follow a religious life

Feminism and Religion 2016-03-21

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The Annual Review of Women in World Religions 1999-10-21

using a critical feminist lens this text explores the roles and interactions of women within major world faiths for each tradition the text examines the history and status of women family structures sexuality and social change as well as texts rituals and interpretations by and forwomen

Women in the World's Religions, Past and Present 1987

patricia crawford demonstrates how the consideration of gender is central to our understanding of religious history women and religion has three broad themes the role and experience of women in the religious upheaval in the period from the reformation to the restoration the significance of religion to contemporary women focusing on the range of practices and beliefs and the gendered nature of religious beliefs institutions and language in the early modern period

Religion and Gender 1995

in 1895 elizabeth cady stanton and her revising committee produced the woman s bible a commentary on passages in the bible that do not exalt or dignify women and those also in which women are prominent by exclusion the women s movement has come a long way in the last hundred years but so too have our knowledge and appreciation of religions other than judaism and christianity serinity young s anthology of sacred texts by and about women is the first comprehensive comparative sourcebook on women and religion it makes available readings by and about women from the primary texts of the world's religions the religions treated include not only the big seven judaism christianity islam hinduism buddhism confucianism and taoism but the religions of northern europe the ancient near east greece and rome shamanism and tribal religions as well as more recent alternative religious movements each chapter begins with a brief introduction to the religion in question providing a historical overview with particular regard to women then follow representative texts about women each with its own introduction from works that are central to their respective traditions these texts include creation stories biographies of founders in which women often play a prominent role law codes folklore and fairy tales the texts of tribal peoples and works explicitly by women folklore and fairy tales have particular importance in this book because they generally reveal the beliefs of the little tradition which are often in the hands of women while the great tradition is represented by the male dominated forms of orthodoxy the works by women here take many forms from theological treatises to mystical poems to poems mourning the loss of a child or husband to the matter of fact statements by tribal women such as nisa expressing the uncertainties of any religious knowing many of the texts included in this anthology are not only representative texts about women but formative texts of the various traditions texts that have seeped into the language and consciousness of their culture and shaped its view of women in her introduction the author sketches certain themes that are of central importance for the cross cultural or comparative study of women in world religion representations of women as evil women as role models wisdom as feminine women religiosi dualities goddesses sex changes and sex disguises myths and stories of gender conflict these themes can help guide the reader as she makes her way through virtual libraries of the world s sacred texts reading sacred texts in this way from the perspective of women can be a radical activity an activity that at its best subverts male dominance of the text book jacket title summary field provided by blackwell north america inc all rights reserved

The Annual Review of Women in World Religions 2001-11-01

studies women who practice or interact with the gender norms and spaces of christianity judaism and islam this book focuses on questions of how and why religious and secular authorities seek to regulate women s mobility and access to particular spaces and how religious women negotiate their agency and mobility within traditional institutions

Women and Religious Traditions 2015

Women and Religion in England, 1500-1720 1996

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