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to be true in the name of tolerance our postmodern culture embraces everything from eastern mysticism to new age spirituality but as ravi zacharias points out such unquestioning acceptance of all things spiritual is absurd all religions plainly and simply cannot be true jesus among other gods provides the answers to the most fundamental claims about christianity such as aren't all religions fundamentally the same was jesus who he claimed to be can one study the life of christ and demonstrate conclusively that he was and is the way the truth and the life in each chapter zacharias considers a unique claim that jesus made and then contrasts the truth of jesus with the founders of islam hinduism and buddhism with compelling insight and passionate conviction in addition to an impressive breadth of reading and study he shares his personal journey from despair and meaninglessness to his discovery that jesus is who he said he is in jesus among other gods ravi zacharias demonstrates that he is one of the most intellectually gifted as well as spiritually sensitive writers of today's leading apologists for the christian faith zacharias brings alive the unique power of the claims of jesus about himself and the utter relevance of his message today for the human condition david aikman author of great souls one great land mass governments hostile to christianity 11 ethnic groups china affords one of history's most complex and often

dramatic missions narratives this book tells the story in detail for the first time covell describes catholic and protestant attempts to evangelize china s minority cultures how do we ground our young people in the faith while encouraging their relationships with friends of other faiths veteran youth minister and researcher len kageler digs into the data surrounding this exciting multifaith era and offers surprising confidence that our kids can be guided into mature christian faith while simultaneously learning to the relationship of christian faith and mission to other living faiths is a core issue in contemporary mission in a world where plurality of faiths is increasingly a norm of life insights on the theology of religious plurality are needed to strengthen our understanding of our own faith and that of others even though religious diversity is not new we are seeing an upsurge in interest on the theologies of religions among all christian confessional traditions one reason is the discovery in the west of other religions living in christianity s midst and neighborhood one may justifiably claim that no other issue in christian mission is more important or more difficult than the theologies of religions this will remain a major challenge for mission in a new century christian mission among other faiths was one of the edinburgh 2010 themes as part of the study process position papers and case studies were invited from a wide range of contributors representing various theological positions confessional traditions and denominational bodies the quality of the studies and the variety they represent convinced us to publish them in this form the position papers are reflections on the theme by scholars belonging to roman catholic greek orthodox protestant conciliar protestant evangelical pentecostal and seventh day adventist churches among the case studies are articles on christian mission among muslims hindus buddhists jews new religious movements and folk or primal 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and tones of voice adopted in theology for the meeting of religions this book presents a contemporary philosophical and theological engagement with key issues of how different faiths might meet of comparative philosophy of religion the use of aesthetics inter religious ethics and issues relating to the self providing a critical evaluation of contemporary liberal post liberal and conservative voices this book highlights the use of the creative imagination and explores new ideas for the meeting of religions a society that lacks moral religious and ethical values and beliefs is like a cow without a tail the cow lacks not only a defense or protective mechanism against flies and other parasitic insects but also a propelling mechanism to escape other predators faith is like a society because it reveals individual and group values and beliefs in god maintains varying meanings that individuals give to life and influences how individuals and groups relate to each other in the society the struggles amidst different life paradoxes cause tremendous shift in faith and social cultural and religious values across different cultures this book is both an observatory and an experiential story of mission and development of christian faith among the jieeng dinka believers in south sudan the book first revives the encounter between christian and jieeng dinka values using personal and group approaches to different teachings about social relationships and second reveals believers experiential journey of faith away from jieeng animist worship to christianity as a result of the exposure to different religious worldviews the powerlessness of jieeng animist deities or divinities the need for alternative protection from god and the search for personal identity during civil war in south sudan the author maintains that god mysteriously reveals himself to jieeng animist believers and wins their hearts through miracles or theophanies which in turn reveal the powerlessness of animist gods jak whom jieeng subsequently abandon and believe in god as an alternative means to substantiate their faith until the recent move of god to draw jieeng believers and other south sudanese ethnic communities to himself the indigenous people still believe in the african animist deities even after the european christian missionaries have left africa in the new testament the apostle paul conveyed christ s command that christian men should lead the faith let your women keep silence in the churches 1 corinthians 14 34 35 suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over the man 1 timothy 2 11 15 and the family wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands colossians 3 18 in the old testament moyses conveyed god s command that an israelite man should lead the nation of israel one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee deuteronomy 17 15 it is clear from the bible that god intends for men to lead the faith family and nation but never has a detailed explanation been given as to why this is the case this book is an endeavor to provide that detailed explanation in 1920 american men granted women the right to vote and thereby relinquished their leadership of the nation to women since then men have also relinquished their leadership of the faith and the family to women as a result of men relinquishing their leadership duties the faith family and nation are becoming

increasingly separated from god resulting in a growing embrace of sexual immorality homosexuality transgenderism pedophilia pornography abortion irrational fear marxist ideology christian persecution fatherless families atheism revisionist history book burning rioting unmanageable debt and so on god has a masculine personality and he wants the faith family and nation to have the same masculine personality this is why he commands christian men to lead the faith family and nation and this is why today's feminine leadership has separated us from god this growing separation between us and god is frightening and painful to experience and it is destroying the faith family and nation however it has one benefit it allows us to see the devastating consequences of feminine leadership god hates the fact that we are separated from him and he wants us to come back to him the only way to do this is to return the faith family and nation to masculine leadership as intended by god and commanded by the bible doubt and disbelief in god's existence and his plan of redemption for lost humankind is becoming increasingly evident in today's hedonistic self directed world many christian believers even choose to listen to and to acknowledge a feel good now gospel notwithstanding its deviation from biblical truth and its possible damning implications conversely many people are wont to deny the existence of a devil and the reality of a place of unceasing torment and or destruction called hell a good god cannot be so cruel they opine jesus commissioned his followers to take his gospel to the far reaches of the earth and the holy scriptures encourage christians in jude 1:3 to earnestly contend for the faith more than at any other time in history believers must defend the christian gospel and advocate its timeless truths everywhere so that all of humankind may hear about christ's offer of eternal life in a place named paradise the miscellany of contemplative inquiries and arguments presented in contending for the faith purposes to do just that endorse and advance the gospel of christ and help establish biblical truth much too much is at stake for not spreading or not listening to christ's entreaty anatolian landscape and faith tourism ancient times to present inanç turizṁ in non western contexts christianity has often been viewed as the religion of foreigners with a hidden political agenda sharing the gospel in non imperialistic ways can be challenging particularly in asia every location to which god calls his messengers has its own rich history that should be shared with gospel workers and local people those desiring to serve interculturally must learn as much as possible about the past before joining that history are we learning from the past or are we simply repeating the same mistakes in our own times and places no culture in the world is a blank slate rather we can look for the initiating inviting work of the missio dei already emerging from within every surprising source this book showcases the writings of sixteen reflective practitioners who offer insights based on their study and experience of history these women and men come from a wide variety of cultural and theological backgrounds their stories include an american who brought protestant buddhism to sri lanka a norwegian lutheran who started a christian monastic community in hong kong a local scholar who led a faith movement in china that nearly overthrew the government a thai villager who became an evangelist and a silent film star highlighting key people and places emerging faith surveys several christian movements found in the mission history of asia if you wish to challenge your thinking and respond to god's invitation to participate in the global context look here for encouragement and guidance based on the prestigious bampton lectures given annually at oxford university christ in all things offers a concise introduction to the spiritual vision of the mystic and scientist pierre teilhard de chardin and a fascinating survey of contemporary themes in spirituality through a teilhardian lens the fairy faith in celtic countries is book by w y evans wentz it provides an assortment of tales narratives and legends from all six of the provinces where celtic ways have persisted up until today many people these days regard religion as outdated and are unable to understand how believers can intellectually justify their faith nonbelievers have long assumed that progress in technology and the sciences renders religion irrelevant believers in contrast see religion as vital to society's spiritual and moral well being but does modernization lead to secularization does secularization lead to moral decay sociologist hans joas argues that these two supposed certainties have kept scholars from serious contemporary debate and that people must put these old arguments aside in order for debate to move forward the emergence of a secular option does not mean that religion must decline but that even believers must now define their faith as one option among many in this book joas spells out some of the consequences of the abandonment of conventional assumptions for contemporary religion and develops an alternative to the cliché of an inevitable conflict between christianity and modernity arguing that secularization comes in waves and stressing the increasing contingency of our worlds he calls upon faith to articulate contemporary experiences churches and religious communities must take into account religious diversity but the modern world is not a threat to christianity or to faith in general on the contrary joas says modernity and faith can be mutually enriching over fifty years ago will herberg theorized that future immigrants to the united states would no longer identify themselves through their races or ethnicities or through the languages and cultures of their home countries rather modern immigrants would base their identities on their religions the landscape of u s immigration has changed dramatically since herberg first published his theory most of today's immigrants are asian or latino and are thus unable to shed their racial and ethnic identities as rapidly as the europeans about whom herberg wrote and rather than a flexible labor based economy hungry for more workers today's immigrants find themselves in a post industrial segmented economy that allows little

in the way of class mobility in this comprehensive anthology contributors draw on ethnography and in depth interviews to examine the experiences of the new second generation the children of asian and latino immigrants covering a diversity of second generation religious communities including christians hindus buddhists muslims and jews the contributors highlight the ways in which race ethnicity and religion intersect for new americans as the new second generation of latinos and asian americans comes of age they will not only shape american race relations but also the face of american religion the continuing conflict between the anabaptist mennonite community and the expanding industrial culture of the modern world has not been investigated this book addresses the issues which fuel that conflict focusing on the implications of subordinating an economic system to the theological framework of a christian society contributors gregory baum lawrence j burkholder leo driedger kevin enns rempel norm ewert jim halteman leland harder al hecht jim lichti jacob a leowen john peters cal redekop walter regehr t d regehr jean seguy robert siemens arnold snyder willis sommer mary sprunger and laura weaver co published with the institute of anabaptist and mennonite studies how do persons come to faith in our time are they active seekers or brought in by others is it a journey or is it a more sudden conversion are spouses relatives and friends most important to the process do clergy matter what sorts of values practices and lifestyles tend to change for those who newly come to faith what are the differences among the various religious traditions in how one comes to faith this book presents the findings of a multi year study on how people come to faith in the us context it involves about 1 800 persons who recently made a new profession of faith or some other public commitment across various religious traditions in the us an initial study was conducted twenty five years ago on christian populations in england by bishop john finney but surprisingly little research has been done since then finding faith today is an expansion and follow up of that study the book sheds new light on how people come to faith and what sort of spiritual practical and social changes accompany that the book will be a help to those seeking to open up their communities of faith to others with hospitality and integrity for decades agitation by lesbians gays and other sexual minorities for political recognition has provoked a heated response among religious activists in both canada and the united states in this remarkable comparative study expert authors explore the tenacity of anti gay sentiment as well as the dramatic shifts in public attitudes towards queer groups across all faith communities in both the united states and canada they conclude that despite the ongoing conflict religious adherence does not invariably entail opposition to the political acknowledgment of queer rights christians have always struggled with what should characterize their lives and actions in the world often they have inferred that their identity as christians should revolve around either a list of doctrines proposed as orthodox or a set of ethics designed to promote a common morality usually this emphasis on doctrines and ethics obscures the essential character of christian faith as a result the real struggle has been to keep ones christian faith intact while different and sometimes opposing beliefs or traditions compete for ones loyalty this book presents a way to resolve this struggle by noting the definitive characteristics of a christian and the roles a church plays in helping christians develop their full potential as human beings the essays in this volume take another look at the role of evangelicals in american civic life the prominent contributors examine evangelicals beliefs and activity on topics ranging from bioethics to race relations and welfare reform to international human rights taken together the essays show that contrary to what critics have proclaimed the social commitment of evangelicals extends considerably beyond family related issues and that their activity in the public sphere makes an essential contribution to the public good co published with the ethics and public policy center to define and explore contemporary philosophical critiques of christian belief is the purpose of this book which arises out of a conference held at princeton theological seminary in a frank and extensive confrontation outstanding philosophers and theologians met to search for greater clarity on some important issues in the philosophy of religion the book contains the papers written for the conference the prepared criticism and excerpts from the debates the discussions revolved around the experiential grounds of religious belief the question as to what conclusions may legitimately be drawn from religious experience the emptiness or otherwise of christian belief and ethic in the 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darren todd duerkson analyses the yesu satsang s narratives and practices to find vibrant expressions of local church that are grappling with questions and tensions of social and religious identity in addition to his ethnographic approach duerkson also uses recent sociological and anthropological theory in identity formation and critical realism as well as discussions of biblical ecclesiology from the book of

acts this study will be a helpful resource for those interested in global christianity the practices and identities of churches in religiously plural environments and the creative ways in which christfollowers can engage people of other faiths

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Interfaith Relations After One Hundred Years 2011 there can be only one logic presumes and history suggests that not all religions can comfortably coexist their interaction is frequently characterized by bitter conflict even the questions that come to mind as we consider other religions betray this bias toward competition is christ the only way can people of other religions get to heaven are they worshiping god or the devil theologian ida glaser argues that there are more pressing more relevant questions to be asked how can we understand religions and the way they affect human beings what has god done for people of different religions what is god now doing among them how should we respond to the gods of other religions even more critical is the realization that although we cannot always expect god to tell us what he thinks of others we can expect him to tell us what he wants of us eschewing simple solutions to the dilemma of other faiths in the christian experience such as exclusivism inclusivism and pluralism glaser offers a guide for conducting ourselves biblically among people of other faiths in such a way that our words and deeds will bring glory to god

Jesus Among Other Gods 2000-10-12 in the first study of its kind dr lo challenges the western tendency to privilege knowing over being and doing in the context of indonesian higher education she demonstrates that effective integration of faith and learning must reach beyond the academic disciplines to address the formation of a christian perspective

The Bible and Other Faiths 2005 in a world with so many religions why jesus we are living in a time when you can believe anything as long as you do not claim it to be true in the name of tolerance our postmodern culture embraces everything from eastern mysticism to new age spirituality but as ravi zacharias points out such unquestioning acceptance of all things spiritual is absurd all religions plainly and simply cannot be true jesus among other gods provides the answers to the most fundamental claims about christianity such as aren't all religions fundamentally the same was jesus who he claimed to be can one study the life of christ and demonstrate conclusively that he was and is the way the truth and the life in each chapter zacharias considers a unique claim

that jesus made and then contrasts the truth of jesus with the founders of islam hinduism and buddhism with compelling insight and passionate conviction in addition to an impressive breadth of reading and study he shares his personal journey from despair and meaninglessness to his discovery that jesus is who he said he is in jesus among other gods ravi zacharias demonstrates that he is one of the most intellectually gifted as well as spiritually sensitive writers of today's leading apologists for the christian faith zacharias brings alive the unique power of the claims of jesus about himself and the utter relevance of his message today for the human condition david aikman author of great souls

Faith-Integrated Being, Knowing, and Doing 2020-08-31 one great land mass governments hostile to christianity 11 ethnic groups china affords one of history's most complex and often dramatic missions narratives this book tells the story in detail for the first time covell describes catholic and protestant attempts to evangelize china's minority cultures

Jesus Among Other Gods 2002-02-06 how do we ground our young people in the faith while encouraging their relationships with friends of other faiths veteran youth minister and researcher len kageler digs into the data surrounding this exciting multifaith era and offers surprising confidence that our kids can be guided into mature christian faith while simultaneously learning to *The Liberating Gospel in China* 1995 the relationship of christian faith and mission to other living faiths is a core issue in contemporary mission in a world where plurality of faiths is increasingly a norm of life insights on the theology of religious plurality are needed to strengthen our understanding of our own faith and that of others even though religious diversity is not new we are seeing an upsurge in interest on the theologies of religions among all christian confessional traditions one reason is the discovery in the west of other religions living in christianity's midst and neighborhood one may justifiably claim that no other issue in christian mission is more important or more difficult than the theologies of religions this will remain a major challenge for mission in a new century christian mission among other faiths was one of the edinburgh 2010 themes as part of the study process position papers and case studies were invited from a wide range of contributors representing various theological positions confessional traditions and denominational bodies the quality of the studies and the variety they represent convinced us to publish them in this form the position papers are reflections on the theme by scholars belonging to roman catholic greek orthodox protestant conciliar protestant evangelical pentecostal and seventh day adventist churches among the case studies are articles on christian mission among muslims hindus buddhists jews new religious movements and folk or primal religions

Youth Ministry in a Multifaith Society 2014-05-02 ravi zacharias and vince vitale defend the absolute claims of christ against modern belief in the secular gods of atheism scientism relativism and more the rise of these secular gods presents the most serious challenge to the absolute claims of christ since the founding of christianity itself the christian worldview has not only been devalued and dismissed by modern culture but its believers are openly ridiculed as irrelevant in jesus among secular gods ravi zacharias and vince vitale challenge the popular isms of the day skillfully pointing out the fallacies in their claims and presenting compelling evidence for revealed absolute truth as found in jesus this book is fresh insightful and important and faces head on today's most urgent challenges to christian faith it will help seekers to explore the claims of christ and will provide christians with the knowledge to articulate why they believe that jesus stands tall above all other gods

Witnessing to Christ in a Pluralistic Age 2011 exploring the different points of view and tones of voice adopted in theology for the meeting of religions this book presents a contemporary philosophical and theological engagement with key issues of how different faiths might meet of comparative philosophy of religion the use of aesthetics inter religious ethics and issues relating to the self providing a critical evaluation of contemporary liberal post liberal and conservative voices this book highlights the use of the creative imagination and explores new ideas for the meeting of religions

Jesus Among Secular Gods 2017 a society that lacks moral religious and ethical values and beliefs is like a cow without a tail the cow lacks not only a defense or protective mechanism against flies and other parasitic insects but also a propelling mechanism to escape other predators faith is like a society because it reveals individual and group values and beliefs in god maintains varying meanings that individuals give to life and influences how individuals and groups relate to each other in the society the struggles amidst different life paradoxes cause tremendous shift in faith and social cultural and religious values across different cultures this book is both an observatory and an experiential story of mission and development of christian faith among the jieeng dinka believers in south sudan the book first revives the encounter between christian and jieeng dinka values using personal and group approaches to different teachings about social relationships and second reveals believers' experiential journey of faith away from jieeng animist worship to christianity as a result of the exposure to different religious worldviews the powerlessness of jieeng animist deities or divinities the need for alternative protection from god and the search for personal identity during civil war in south sudan the author maintains that god mysteriously reveals himself to jieeng animist believers and wins their hearts through miracles or theophanies which in turn reveal the powerlessness of animist gods jak whom jieeng subsequently abandon and believe in god as an alternative means to substantiate their faith until the recent move of god to draw jieeng believers and other

south sudanese ethnic communities to himself the indigenous people still believe in the african animist deities even after the european christian missionaries have left africa

The Finality of Faith 1963 in the new testament the apostle paul conveyed christ s command that christian men should lead the faith let your women keep silence in the churches 1 corinthians 14 34 35 suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over the man 1 timothy 2 11 15 and the family wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands colossians 3 18 in the old testament mooses conveyed god s command that an israelite man should lead the nation of israel one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee deuteronomy 17 15 it is clear from the bible that god intends for men to lead the faith family and nation but never has a detailed explanation been given as to why this is the case this book is an endeavor to provide that detailed explanation in 1920 american men granted women the right to vote and thereby relinquished their leadership of the nation to women since then men have also relinquished their leadership of the faith and the family to women as a result of men relinquishing their leadership duties the faith family and nation are becoming increasingly separated from god resulting in a growing embrace of sexual immorality homosexuality transgenderism pedophilia pornography abortion irrational fear marxist ideology christian persecution fatherless families atheism revisionist history book burning rioting unmanageable debt and so on god has a masculine personality and he wants the faith family and nation to have the same masculine personality this is why he commands christian men to lead the faith family and nation and this is why today s feminine leadership has separated us from god this growing separation between us and god is frightening and painful to experience and it is destroying the faith family and nation however it has one benefit it allows us to see the devastating consequences of feminine leadership god hates the fact that we are separated from him and he wants us to come back to him the only way to do this is to return the faith family and nation to masculine leadership as intended by god and commanded by the bible

Ways of Meeting and the Theology of Religions 2013 doubt and disbelief in god s existence and his plan of redemption for lost humankind is becoming increasingly evident in today s hedonistic self directed world many christian believers even choose to listen to and to acknowledge a feel good now gospel notwithstanding its deviation from biblical truth and its possible damning implications conversely many people are wont to deny the existence of a devil and the reality of a place of unceasing torment and or destruction called hell a good god cannot be so cruel they opine jesus commissioned his followers to take his gospel to the far reaches of the earth and the holy scriptures encourage christians in jude 1 3 to earnestly contend for the faith more than at any other time in history believers must defend the christian gospel and advocate its timeless truths everywhere so that all of humankind may hear about christ s offer of eternal life in a place named paradise the miscellany of contemplative inquiries and arguments presented in contending for the faith purposes to do just that endorse and advance the gospel of christ and help establish biblical truth much too much is at stake for not spreading or not listening to christ s entreaty

Christian Faith Among the Jieeng: The Shift in Values, the Stages of Faith, and the Cultural and Religious Experiences of Jieeng Believers in the Epis 2014-12-08 anatolian landscape and faith tourism ancient times to present inanç turizm

One From Among Thy Brethren 2022-02-03 in non western contexts christianity has often been viewed as the religion of foreigners with a hidden political agenda sharing the gospel in non imperialistic ways can be challenging particularly in asia every location to which god calls his messengers has its own rich history that should be shared with gospel workers and local people those desiring to serve interculturally must learn as much as possible about the past before joining that history are we learning from the past or are we simply repeating the same mistakes in our own times and places no culture in the world is a blank slate rather we can look for the initiating inviting work of the missio dei already emerging from within every surprising source this book showcases the writings of sixteen reflective practitioners who offer insights based on their study and experience of history these women and men come from a wide variety of cultural and theological backgrounds their stories include an american who brought protestant buddhism to sri lanka a norwegian lutheran who started a christian monastic community in hong kong a local scholar who led a faith movement in china that nearly overthrew the government a thai villager who became an evangelist and a silent film star highlighting key people and places emerging faith surveys several christian movements found in the mission history of asia if you wish to challenge your thinking and respond to god s invitation to participate in the global context look here for encouragement and guidance

By Faith 1991-01-01 based on the prestigious bampton lectures given annually at oxford university christ in all things offers a concise introduction to the spiritual vision of the mystic and scientist pierre teilhard de chardin and a fascinating survey of contemporary themes in spirituality through a teilhardian lens

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH 2013-05-21 the fairy faith in celtic countries is book by w y evans wentz it provides an assortment of tales narratives and legends from all six of the provinces where celtic ways have persisted up until today

ANATOLIAN LANDSCAPE AND FAITH TOURISM: ANCIENT TIMES TO PRESENT 2023-12-04 many people these days regard religion as outdated and

are unable to understand how believers can intellectually justify their faith nonbelievers have long assumed that progress in technology and the sciences renders religion irrelevant believers in contrast see religion as vital to society's spiritual and moral well being but does modernization lead to secularization does secularization lead to moral decay sociologist hans joas argues that these two supposed certainties have kept scholars from serious contemporary debate and that people must put these old arguments aside in order for debate to move forward the emergence of a secular option does not mean that religion must decline but that even believers must now define their faith as one option among many in this book joas spells out some of the consequences of the abandonment of conventional assumptions for contemporary religion and develops an alternative to the cliché of an inevitable conflict between christianity and modernity arguing that secularization comes in waves and stressing the increasing contingency of our worlds he calls upon faith to articulate contemporary experiences churches and religious communities must take into account religious diversity but the modern world is not a threat to christianity or to faith in general on the contrary joas says modernity and faith can be mutually enriching

Emerging Faith 2020-01-05 over fifty years ago will herberg theorized that future immigrants to the united states would no longer identify themselves through their races or ethnicities or through the languages and cultures of their home countries rather modern immigrants would base their identities on their religions the landscape of u s immigration has changed dramatically since herberg first published his theory most of today's immigrants are asian or latino and are thus unable to shed their racial and ethnic identities as rapidly as the europeans about whom herberg wrote and rather than a flexible labor based economy hungry for more workers today's immigrants find themselves in a post industrial segmented economy that allows little in the way of class mobility in this comprehensive anthology contributors draw on ethnography and in depth interviews to examine the experiences of the new second generation the children of asian and latino immigrants covering a diversity of second generation religious communities including christians hindus buddhists muslims and jews the contributors highlight the ways in which race ethnicity and religion intersect for new americans as the new second generation of latinos and asian americans comes of age they will not only shape american race relations but also the face of american religion

Christ in All Things 1997 the continuing conflict between the anabaptist mennonite community and the expanding industrial culture of the modern world has not been investigated this book addresses the issues which fuel that conflict focusing on the implications of subordinating an economic system to the theological framework of a christian society contributors gregory baum lawrence j burkholder leo driedger kevin enns rempel norm ewert jim halteman leland harder al hecht jim lichti jacob a leowen john peters cal redekop walter regehr t d regehr jean seguy robert siemens arnold snyder willis sommer mary sprunger and laura weaver co published with the institute of anabaptist and mennonite studies

The Fairy-Faith in Celtic Countries 2022-05-28 how do persons come to faith in our time are they active seekers or brought in by others is it a journey or is it a more sudden conversion are spouses relatives and friends most important to the process do clergy matter what sorts of values practices and lifestyles tend to change for those who newly come to faith what are the differences among the various religious traditions in how one comes to faith this book presents the findings of a multi year study on how people come to faith in the us context it involves about 1 800 persons who recently made a new profession of faith or some other public commitment across various religious traditions in the us an initial study was conducted twenty five years ago on christian populations in england by bishop john finney but surprisingly little research has been done since then finding faith today is an expansion and follow up of that study the book sheds new light on how people come to faith and what sort of spiritual practical and social changes accompany that the book will be a help to those seeking to open up their communities of faith to others with hospitality and integrity

Faith as an Option 2014-09-03 for decades agitation by lesbians gays and other sexual minorities for political recognition has provoked a heated response among religious activists in both canada and the united states in this remarkable comparative study expert authors explore the tenacity of anti gay sentiment as well as the dramatic shifts in public attitudes towards queer groups across all faith communities in both the united states and canada they conclude that despite the ongoing conflict religious adherence does not invariably entail opposition to the political acknowledgment of queer rights

Sustaining Faith Traditions 2012-07-06 christians have always struggled with what should characterize their lives and actions in the world often they have inferred that their identity as christians should revolve around either a list of doctrines proposed as orthodox or a set of ethics designed to promote a common morality usually this emphasis on doctrines and ethics obscures the essential character of christian faith as a result the real struggle has been to keep ones christian faith intact while different and sometimes opposing beliefs or traditions compete for ones loyalty this book presents a way to resolve this struggle by noting the definitive characteristics of a christian and the roles a church plays in helping christians develop their full potential as human beings

Anabaptist/Mennonite Faith and Economics 1994 the essays in this volume take another look at the role of evangelicals in american civic life the prominent contributors examine evangelicals beliefs and activity on topics ranging from bioethics to race relations and welfare reform to international human rights taken together the essays show that contrary to what critics have proclaimed the social commitment of evangelicals extends considerably beyond family related issues and that their activity in the public sphere makes an essential contribution to the public good co published with the ethics and public policy center

Finding Faith Today 2018-10-31 to define and explore contemporary philosophical critiques of christian belief is the purpose of this book which arises out of a conference held at princeton theological seminary in a frank and extensive confrontation outstanding philosophers and theologians met to search for greater clarity on some important issues in the philosophy of religion the book contains the papers written for the conference the prepared criticism and excerpts from the debates the discussions revolved around the experiential grounds of religious belief the question as to what conclusions may legitimately be drawn from religious experience the emptiness or otherwise of christian belief and ethic in the modern world the freudian explanation of faith and the barthian defense of christianity

Faith, Politics, and Sexual Diversity in Canada and the United States 2011-04-01 when hindus and sikhs become followers of christ what happens next should they join christian churches that often look and feel very unfamiliar to them or to what degree can or should they remain a part of their hindu sikh communities and practices uncomfortable with the answers that were provided to them by christian leaders in northwest india six followers of christ began yesu satsangs that sought to follow christ and the teachings of the bible while remaining connected to their hindu and or sikhcommunities ecclesial identities in a multi faith context contextualises the practices and identities of these leaders and their gatherings situating these in the religious history of the region and the personal histories of the leaders themselves whereas some christians worry that the yesu satsangs and related insider movements are syncretising their beliefs and are not properly identifiable as churches darren todd duerksen analyses the yesu satsang s narratives and practices to find vibrantexpressions of local church that are grappling with questions and tensions of social and religious identity in addition to his ethnographic approach duerksen also uses recent sociological and anthropological theory in identity formation and critical realism as well as discussions of biblical ecclesiology from the book of acts this study will be a helpful resource for those interested in global christianity the practices and identities of churches in religiously plural environments and the creative ways in which christfollowers can engage people of other faiths

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