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BATTLE FOR GOD

Armstrong, Karen

Ballantine Books, 2000

BOOK

Contrary to popular belief, fundamentalism is not a throwback to some ancient form of religion but rather a response to the spiritual crisis of the modern world. The author focuses on three fundamentalist movements: Protestant fundamentalism in America, Jewish fundamentalism in Israel, and Islamic fundamentalism in Egypt and Iran - exploring how each has developed its own unique way of resisting the assaults of modernity.

BEYOND DA VINCI

Jones, Greg

Seabury Books, 2004

BOOK

An informed, factual and comprehensive response to Dan Brown's blockbuster best-seller, The Da Vinci Code. Beyond Da Vinci tackles the essential historical and theological errors at the heart of this fictional novel.

BOOK OF MORMON

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

BOOK

An account "written by the Hand of Mormon" upon plates taken from the plates of Nephic. Translated by Joseph Smith, Jr. Another testament of Jesus Christ.

BRIEF GUIDE TO BELIEFS

IDEAS, THEOLOGIES, MYSTERIES, AND MOVEMENTS

Edwards, Linda

Westminster John Knox Press

BOOK

A brief guide to the wide and fascinating world of religious beliefs and practices, both accessible and authoritative. It provides a handy reference tool for Christians to comprehend the new pluralistic religious world in this post-modern era exploring tremendous range of traditions and viewpoints of other religions.

CATHOLIC AND REFORMED: THEOLOGY AND WORSHIP

OCCASIONAL PAPER NO. 8

Radano, John A.

PCUSA

PAMPHLET

This is a review of the Roman Catholic ecumenical commitment, a survey of Catholic contacts with Reformed churches, and a prospectus of ecumenical possibilities by Monsignor John A. Radano, head of the Western section of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. The Church of Scotland has renounced some parts of the Westminster Confession (p. 16).

CHRISTIANS AND JEWS: PEOPLE OF GOD

Office of Theology and Worship

GAC, PCUSA, 2005

BOOK

Church Issues Series, No. 7 The office of Theology and Worship has published Christians and Jews; People of God as one part of its response to the General Assembly's action to reexamine and strengthen the relationship between Christians, Jews and the implications of this relationship for our evangelism and new church development.

CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS IN DIALOGUE:

FACETS OF A RELATIONSHIP

Worldwide Ministries Div., PCUSA, 2002

BOOK

This resource from the Worldwide Ministries Division of the PC(U.S.A.) offers encouragement and assistance to American Christians seeking to engage with Muslim neighbors in open two-way relationships. Join with those who have expressed the conviction that Christians have a responsibility to search for ways in which Christians and Muslims can work together to transform our society in directions that reflect the will of God for our world.

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CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS IN DIALOGUE: FACETS OF A RELATIONSHIP					
	Global Mission Ministry Unit		Denominational Resources/Publications Service	BOOK	A resource to encourage and assist Christians in developing a two-way relationship with Muslim neighbors. Presbyterians who are actively pursuing such relationships witness to its value.
DA VINCI CODE					
	Brown, Dan		Doubleday, 2003	BOOK	Breaking the mold of traditional suspense novels, The Da Vinci Code is simultaneously lightening paced, intelligent, and intricately layered with remarkable research and detail. See also Beyond Da Vinci (#6995).
GOD IN ALL WORLDS AN ANTHOLOGY OF CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUAL WRITING					
	Vardey, Lucinda, ed.		First Vintage Books, Random House, 1996	BOOK	Spanning fifty years and representing traditions from Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism to Gaia worship and New Age beliefs, this bountiful anthology forms an inclusive map of the spiritual journey and its landmarks. It describes prayer and meditation, the power of myth, the Mother goddess and the Cosmic Christ, the struggle with evil, the gifts of love and grace, the the awe-filled encounter with a divine Other that is intensely person yet has the capacity to transform the world.
GOD'S BREATH SACRED SCRIPTURES OF THE WORLD					
	Miller, John & Aaron Kenedi, editors		Marlowe & Company, 2000	BOOK	An essential companion for students of world religions. The editors have compiled selections and passages from great books of the spiritual life of some of the world's religions. Commentaries by Herman Wouk, Marcus Borg, Joseph Campbell, Henry David Throeau, Sirdar Ikbali Shan, The Dalai Lama, Barbara Stoler Miller, and others, offer a foundation that provides emotional and intellectual security in our search for spirit.
HANDBOOK OF DENOMINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES 11TH EDITION					
	Mead, Frank S. & Samuel E. Hill		Abingdon Press, 2001	BOOK	The Handbook of Denominations is an objective source of information, offering historical background, doctrinal summary, and statistical data on 200 groups.
HISTORY OF GOD THE 4,000-YEAR QUEST OF JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM					
	Armstrong, Karen		Ballantine Books, 1994	BOOK	Why does God exist? How have the three dominant monotheistic religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam shaped and altered the conception of God? How have these religions influenced each other? The author traces the history of how men and women have perceived and experienced God, from the time of Abraham to the present.
INTERFAITH LISTENING PILOT PROGRAM					
	General Assembly Council		General Assembly Council, PCUSA, 2002	VIDEO	This video tells the story of the visits of 18 Christians and Muslims from ten countries who spoke in more than 100 places during a two week travel hosted by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) congregations and presbyteries in September 2002. Through this illustration of Christian Muslim listening and dialogue, congregations and presbyteries can be inspired to begin, continue or expand involvement in interfaith listening. Two 20 minute parts.

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INTERFAITH LISTENING PROGRAM

Office of Interfaith Relations

WMD, PCUSA, 2005

DVD

This DVD tells the story of the Interfaith Listening Program in brief. The resource also includes a section of an earlier video on Interfaith Listening and a variety of resources that may help you begin, continue, or expand your interfaith involvements.

JERUSALEM: ONE CITY, THREE FAITHS

Armstrong, Karen

Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 1996

BOOK

The author explains what Jews, Christians, and Muslims have meant when they say that Jerusalem is "holy" to them. She points out some of the implications of its sanctity to each tradition. Three interconnected concepts recur throughout the book--the whole notion of God or the sacred; the question of myth; and symbolism.

KORAN (QUR'AN)

Penquin Group, 2000

BOOK

Translated by N.J. Dawood with parallel Arabic text. The Koran (Qur'an) which means The Recital in Arabic, is one of the most influential books of prophetic literature. Universally accepted by Muslims to be the infallible Word of God as revealed to Mohammed by the Angel Gabriel nearly fourteen hundred years ago, the Koran still provides the rules of conduct fundamental to the Arab way of life.

NEXT CHRISTENDOM

THE COMING OF GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY

Jenkins, Philip

Oxford University Press, 2002

BOOK

By the year 2050 only one Christian in five will be non-Latino and white, and the center of gravity of the Christian world will have shifted firmly to the Southern Hemisphere. This book is a first to take the full measure of the changing face of the Christian faith. The effects of varied beliefs on global politics will be enormous, as religious identification begins to take precedence over allegiance to secular nation-states.

OXFORD CONCISE DICTIONARY OF WORLD RELIGIONS

Bowker, John, editor

Oxford University Press, 2000

BOOK

A comprehensive, up-to-date dictionary of all the major world religions, past and present. Written by an expert team of contributors, the volume an extensive topic index grouping entries under themes, and an original and in-depth introductory essay. Over 8,200 entries include religions; movements, sects and cults; individuals; sacred sites; ethics; and themes such as asceticism, biogenetics, cosmology, and music and dance.

PRESBYTERIANS AND MORMONS: A STUDY IN CONTRASTS

Theology & Worship Ministry Unit, PCUSA

BOOK

A study guide that contrasts the teachings of the Latter-day Saints church with that of the Reformed/Presbyterian tradition. Prepared by the Presbytery of Utah for the General Assembly in Salt Lake City, 1990.

SACRED STRATEGIES: TRANSFORMING SYNAGOGUES

FROM FUNCTIONAL TO VISIONARY

Aron, Isa, S. Cohen, L. Hoffman & A. Kelman

The Alban Institute, 2010

BOOK

Sacred Strategies is about eight synagogues that reached out and helped people connect to Jewish life in a new way - congregations that had gone from commonplace to extraordinary. They write for synagogue leaders eager to transform their congregations, federations and foundations interested in encouraging and supporting this transformation, and researchers in congregational studies who will want to explore further.

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STRIVING TOGETHER IN DIALOGUE

A MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN CALL TO REFLECTION AND ACTION

Office of Interfaith Relations	General Assembly Council, PCUSA, 2000	BOOK
<p>Occasional Paper #8 produced by the Worldwide Ministries Division from an international Muslim-Christian meeting held in Amersfoort, Netherlands in November 2000 convened by the World Council of Churches. At that meeting Christian and Muslim religious leaders, educators, and activist discussed issues of religion, law and society, human rights, religious freedom, community rights, mission and community tensions.</p>		

SYNAGOGUES IN A TIME OF CHANGE

Heller, Zachary I., ed.	The Alban Institute, 2009	BOOK
<p>The issues faced by Judaism in America are not unique to Jewish religious movements. Many of the issues facing synagogues will be familiar to those of all faiths. Each writer brings unique expertise and perspective in describing the development of contemporary religious movements (denominations) in American Judaism, their interrelationships and tensions, and their prospects for the future. Religious groups of all kinds will find reflections of common struggles that can provide a vehicle for constructive conversations about their own pressing issues.</p>		

TERROR IN THE MIND OF GOD

THE GLOBAL RISE OF RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE

Juergensmeyer, Mark	University of California Press, 2001	BOOK
<p>This dark, enthralling book not only documents the global rise of religious terrorism, but seeks to understand the odd attraction of religion and violence.</p>		

TRANSFORMATION OF AMERICAN RELIGION

HOW WE ACTUALLY LIVE OUR FAITH

Wolfe, Alan	Free Press, 2003	BOOK
<p>In this groundbreaking work, the author, a leading American social scientist, demonstrates that American religion has been transformed beyond recognition. God has met and struggled fiercely against American culture...and the culture has won. His book offers nothing less than a roadmap to our new national faith.</p>		

TRUTH AND FICTION IN THE DA VINCI CODE

Ehrman, Bart D.	Oxford University Press, Inc., 2004	BOOK
<p>A historian reveals what we really know about Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and Constantine. An insightful and entertaining look at the truth behind one of the biggest blockbusters in recent publishing history. This book is a very readable treatment of some very difficult themes, such as the reasons for the exclusivity of some of the early gospels from the canon and the enormous influence of recent archeological discoveries.</p>		

UNDERSTANDING ISLAM AND THE MUSLIMS

	Islamic Affairs Dept, Embassy of Saudi Arabia, 1989	PAMPHLET
<p>This booklet prepared for the Embassy of Saudi Arabia, Washington, D.C., answers many questions one may have about Islam, Muslims, Muhammad, the Quran, their prayers, their thoughts on Jesus and Mary, family life, women, marriage, their view of death, dietary law, architecture, human rights, and Islam in the United States.</p>		

VISION OF BUDDHISM

THE SPACE UNDER THE TREE

Corless, Roger J.	Paragon House, 1989	BOOK
<p>An introduction to Buddhism portraying the life of Buddha in relation to Buddhist teaching and practices. The structure of the book is based on the Bodhi tree.</p>		

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**WHAT DO OUR NEIGHBORS BELIEVE? QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
ON JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM.**

Greenstein, Howard R. etal

Westminster John Knox Press, 2007

BOOK

This helpful book offers clear and reliable introductions to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Readers may compare and contrast the faith traditions as they explore.