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[Beyond the Post-modern Mind](#) Quest Books

Huston Smith is recognized and revered as the preeminent teacher of world religions while being a prolific author and scholar. His bestselling *The World's Religions*, sold more than two million copies and is still the most popular introduction to comparative religion. Huston Smith followed a lifelong spiritual quest that led him around the world many times. He studied the world's religions and mystical traditions directly with Aldous Huxley, D. T. Suzuki, J. Krishnamurti, Alan Watts, Paul Tillich, Reinhold Niebuhr, the Dalai Lama, Joseph Campbell, Ram Dass, and a host of others. Huston, as a renowned philosopher of religion, taught at Washington University, M.I.T., Syracuse University, and the University of California-Berkeley, and during his career helped shape the contemporary face of comparative religion, interfaith dialogue, and religious tolerance. As a seeker, he became a citizen of the world, plunging into its various spiritual traditions. His many insights and adventures fill this compelling and edifying book, the authorized biography of a 21st-century spiritual giant.

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A completely new edition of one of the most popular and readable introductions to the history of religions ever published—more than 1.5 million copies sold. "An excellent study for the thoughtful layman".--Booklist, on the earlier edition.

[Illustrated World's Religions](#) Harper Collins

Retaining all the beloved qualities of Huston Smith's classic *The World's Religions*, this stunning pictorial presentation refines the text to its wonderful essentials. In detailed, absorbing, richly illustrated, and highly readable chapters on Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Islam, Judaism, Christianity, and primal religions, we find refreshing and fascinating presentations of both the differences and the similarities among the worldwide religious traditions. The approach is at once classic and contemporary, retaining all the empathy, eloquence, and erudition that millions of readers love about the earlier edition, while being edited and designed for a contemporary general readership. This delightful marriage of engaging text and remarkable pictures vividly brings to life the scope and vision of Huston Smith's expertise and insight.

Islam Rowman & Littlefield

This new edition of acclaimed essays explores sea changes in the relationship between religion and science over the course of Western culture and suggest possible breakthroughs toward reaching an enlightened consciousness.

The World's Religions, Revised and Updated Simon and Schuster

"In this delightful autobiography, Smith tells us how he became the dean of world religion experts. Along the way we meet the people who shaped him and shared his journey—a Who's Who of 20th century spiritual America: the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the Dalai Lama, Aldous Huxley, Timothy Leary, T.S. Eliot, Thomas Merton and Pete Seeger.... A valuable master class on faith and life." — San Francisco Chronicle Book Review As Stephen Hawking is to science; as Peter Drucker is to economics; and as Joseph Campbell is to mythology; so Huston Smith is to religion. *Tales of Wonder* is the personal story of the author of the classic *The World's Religions*, the man who taught a nation about the great faiths of the world, and his fascinating encounters with the people who helped shape the 20th century.

Is There a Universal Grammar of Religion? Turtleback Books
 The world's premier authority on religious traditions presents a concise and timely guide to the history, teachings, and practice of Islam. Drawn from his masterful presentation of Islam in the bestselling book *The World's Religions* (over two million copies sold), Huston Smith offers a revealing look into the heart of a tradition with more than one billion adherents worldwide. Dispelling narrow and distorted notions about the nature of Islam and featuring a new introduction by the author, this book compellingly conveys the profound appeal of Islam, while addressing such timely issues as the true meaning of jihad, the role of women in Islamic societies, and the remarkable growth of Islam in America.

Religions of Man Open Court

Why do people study religion? How have they studied it in the past? How do we study religion today? Is the academic study of religion the same as religious education? These and many other questions are addressed in this engaging introduction to the discipline of religious studies. Topics include Definitions of religion Perspectives in the study and teaching of religion How religion began to be studied: Traditional perspectives—philosophical and theological How people experience religion: Perspectives in the study of religious consciousness and perception—phenomenological and psychological Studying religion within communities: Social and cultural perspectives—anthropological, sociological, political, and economic Judging religion: Critical perspectives—feminist approaches, the interaction of popular literature and religion Contextual perspectives—historical and comparative Themes, theories, and current directions The thoroughly updated second edition encourages students to think critically about the theories and methods presented. Students will find arguments for the strengths and limitations of these approaches, understand connections among religious studies and other intellectual movements, and develop their own ideas of how they might want to go about the study of religion. Summary boxes, discussion

questions, a glossary, a chronology of key figures and texts, and other pedagogic aids help students grasp key concepts.

[Beyond the Postmodern Mind](#) Christian Faith Publishing, Inc. How to transcend materialistic psychology and science. Updated edition.

[Cleansing the Doors of Perception](#) Harper Collins

In 1991, when her daughter's rare, hand-carved harp was stolen, Lisby Mayer's familiar world of science and rational thinking turned upside down. After the police failed to turn up any leads, a friend suggested she call a dowser—a man who specialized in finding lost objects. With nothing to lose—and almost as a joke—Dr. Mayer agreed. Within two days, and without leaving his Arkansas home, the dowser located the exact California street coordinates where the harp was found. Deeply shaken, yet driven to understand what had happened, Mayer began the fourteen-year journey of discovery that she recounts in this mind-opening, brilliantly readable book. Her first surprise: the dozens of colleagues who'd been keeping similar experiences secret for years, fearful of being labeled credulous or crazy. Extraordinary Knowing is an attempt to break through the silence imposed by fear and to explore what science has to say about these and countless other "inexplicable" phenomena. From Sigmund Freud's writings on telepathy to secret CIA experiments on remote viewing, from leading-edge neuroscience to the strange world of quantum physics, Dr. Mayer reveals a wealth of credible and fascinating research into the realm where the mind seems to trump the laws of nature. She does not ask us to believe. Rather she brings us a book of profound intrigue and optimism, with far-reaching implications not just for scientific inquiry but also for the ways we go about living in the world.

The Huston Smith Reader Quest Books

"I have tried to describe a Christianity which is fully compatible with everything we now know, and to indicate why Christians feel privileged to give their lives to it." —Huston Smith In his most personal and passionate book on the spiritual life, renowned author, scholar, and teacher of world religions Huston Smith turns to his own life-long religion, Christianity. With stories and personal anecdotes, Smith not only presents the basic beliefs and essential teachings of Christianity, but argues why religious belief matters in today's secular world. Though there is a wide variety of contemporary interpretations of Christianity—some of them conflicting—Smith cuts through these to describe Christianity's "Great Tradition," the common faith of the first millennium of believers, which is the trunk of the tree from which Christianity's many branches, twigs, and leaves have grown. This is not the exclusivist Christianity of strict fundamentalists, nor the liberal, watered-down Christianity practiced by many contemporary churchgoers. In exposing biblical literalism as unworkable as well as enumerating the mistakes of modern secularists, Smith

presents the very soul of a real and substantive faith, one still relevant and worth believing in. Smith rails against the hijacked Christianity of politicians who exploit it for their own needs. He decries the exercise of business that widens the gap between rich and poor, and fears education has lost its sense of direction. For Smith, the media has become a business that sensationalizes news rather than broadening our understanding, and art and music have become commercial and shocking rather than enlightening. Smith reserves his harshest condemnation, however, for secular modernity, which has stemmed from the misreading of science—the mistake of assuming that "absence of evidence" of a scientific nature is "evidence of absence." These mistakes have all but banished faith in transcendence and the Divine from mainstream culture and pushed it to the margins. Though the situation is grave, these modern misapprehensions can be corrected, says Smith, by reexamining the great tradition of Christianity's first millennium and reaping the lessons it holds for us today. This fresh examination of the Christian worldview, its history, and its major branches provides the deepest, most authentic vision of Christianity—one that is both tolerant and substantial, traditional and relevant.

The World's Religions, Revised and Updated Harper Collins

An accessible guide through the growing maze of literature and research on Jesus. Examines issues in contemporary Jesus research and looks at the potential of current research for helping rethink Jesus' identity and the implications for the reader and the church.

The Divine Within Harper Collins

"...one of the two best kept secrets in history, and this book is the most successful attempt I know to unlock it. ... [A] historical tour de force." --Huston Smith, author of *The World's Religions* The secretive Mysteries conducted at Eleusis in Greece for nearly two millennia have long puzzled scholars with strange accounts of initiates experiencing otherworldly journeys. In this groundbreaking work, three experts—a mycologist, a chemist, and a historian—argue persuasively that the sacred potion given to participants in the course of the ritual contained a psychoactive entheogen. The authors then expand the discussion to show that natural psychedelic agents have been used in spiritual rituals across history and cultures. Although controversial when first published in 1978, the book's hypothesis has become more widely accepted in recent years, as knowledge of ethnobotany has deepened. The authors have played critical roles in the modern rediscovery of entheogens, and *The Road to Eleusis* presents an authoritative exposition of their views. The book's themes of the universality of experiential religion, the suppression of that knowledge by exploitative forces, and the use of psychedelics to reconcile the human and natural worlds make it a fascinating and timely read. This 30th anniversary edition includes an appreciative preface by religious scholar Huston Smith and an updated exploration of the chemical evidence by Peter Webster.

The Religions of Man Taylor & Francis

In this provocative volume two important scholars of religion, Huston Smith and Henry Rosemont, Jr., put forth their viewpoints and share a probing conversation. Though the two diverge considerably in their accounts of religious faith and practice, they also agree on fundamental points. Huston Smith, author of the important work *The World's Religions*, has long argued for the fundamental equality of the world's religions. Describing a "universal grammar of religion," he argues that fourteen points of similarity exist among all of the major religious traditions and that these similarities indicate an innate psychological affinity for religion within the human spirit. As Noam Chomsky has argued that humans are hardwired to use language, Smith similarly argues that humans are hardwired for religious experience. In response, Rosemont explicates his humanistic vision of the world, in which the "homoversal" tendency to contemplate the infinite is part of our co-humanity that endures across time, space, language, and culture. Rosemont also elaborates upon Noam Chomsky's theory of universal grammar and its relevance to Smith's ideas about the similarities among religions. This insightful exploration of the most essential basis of religion provides a new direction for comparative-religion scholars everywhere.

Work with Meaning, Work with Joy Shambhala Publications

A challenging and provocative collection of essays on comparative philosophy, religion and culture from one of the foremost thinkers of our time, this volume gathers Huston Smith's most insightful and important reflections on the state of the human spiritual life. With a range and depth seldom seen in contemporary religious studies, Smith examines the contributions

of religion and philosophy to the world's great civilizations, both past and present. He explores the traditions of East Asia, South Asia, and the West, discusses the importance of comparative studies in a religiously pluralistic world in energetic prose that can be appreciated by both the layman and the student.

Seeking Science-Friendly Christianity Harper Collins

Discover the Positive Power of Gratitude Living as if each day is a thank you can help transform fear into courage, anger into forgiveness, and isolation into belonging. Authors Nina Lesowitz and Mary Beth Sammons present a simple yet comprehensive approach for incorporating gratitude into one's life and reaping its many benefits. The book is divided into ten chapters, including "Ways to Stay Thankful in Difficult Times," "Gratitude as a Spiritual Practice," and "Putting Gratitude into Action." Each chapter includes stories of individuals whose lives have been transformed by thankfulness, motivational quotes and blessings, and suggested gratitude practices. Whatever is given - even a challenging moment - is a gift. With this book, you will be able to feel more connected to the flow of life and less alone in your struggles and fears.

The Cloud of Unknowing Bantam

Jede „wahre“, wirklich von Gott selbst offenbarte Religion hat zwei Seiten, die einander durchdringen: eine göttliche und eine menschliche. Religion heißt ja „Rückverbindung“, und gemeint ist die Rückverbindung des Menschen zu Gott. Diesen zwei Seiten entsprechend muss jede Religion - einerseits - sich einer Formensprache oder eines Kultes bedienen, die den Menschen oder Völkern, für die sie bestimmt ist, unmittelbar ein „leuchtend“ oder verständlich ist. Andererseits aber muss jede wahre Religion mit Hilfe dieser ein „leuchtenden“ Formensprache eine göttliche, die betreffenden Menschen oder Völker weit übersteigende Ewige Botschaft vermitteln: Diese göttliche Seite der Religion nennt Schuon im vorliegenden Buch die Sophia perennis, deutsch gesagt: „den Schatz der ewig sich gleich bleibenden göttlichen Weisheit“. Diese Weisheit ist an sich mit keinerlei Formen, Begriffen oder Worten ausdrückbar, kann jedoch bei richtiger, von Gott selbst eingegebener Handhabung eine göttliche Saite in uns zum Schwingen bringen, eine Ahnung erwecken vom Letzten und den inneren seelischen Aufschwung vorbereiten zur Schau der über alles Begrenzte erhabenen geistigen Wirklichkeit. Es folgt aus dem Gesagten, dass die großen Religionen von außen, also von der menschlichen Seite aus gesehen, weitgehend voneinander verschieden sind, entsprechend der Verschiedenheit der Völker, Rassen und Zeitalter, an die sie sich wenden. Innerlich jedoch, von der göttlichen Seite her gesehen, sind sie gleich, geben denselben, sich nie ändernden Kern der Sophia perennis, der „Ewigen Weisheit“ weiter. Diese Weitergabe nennt man „Tradition“. Man könnte den geistigen Kern aller Traditionen mit einem Stern vergleichen, von dem die einzelnen Weltreligionen wie Strahlen nach verschiedenen Richtungen auseinander laufen, je näher sie noch der Mitte sind, desto näher sind sie auch einander. Im tiefsten Grunde bestätigen also die Religionen einander, und zwar auch dann, wenn sie sich äußerlich widersprechen oder gar in blutigen Schlachten bekriegen. Von je hat es aber in allen Religionen große Geister, „Erleuchtete“, gegeben, die trotz allen Auseinandersetzungen um das Geheimnis der „Einheit aller Traditionen“, der Sophia perennis wussten. Wer Schuons anspruchsvollen, aber stets logischen Ausführungen folgt, wird sehr bald einem Verfasser begegnen, der aus einer wahrhaft zyklischen Sendung heraus dem Leser gleichsam ein Pfingsterlebnis beschert, nämlich den Aufstieg aus der Vielheit der Formensprache in der Welt der Religion zur Einheit der paradiesischen oder adamischen Ursprache: als Form und Inhalt, Gestalt und Gehalt, Wort und Bedeutung noch unmittelbar eins waren. Welche weiten Wege der Leser dabei durchwandert, mag eine Wiedergabe des Inhaltsverzeichnisses zeigen: Vom inneren Wesen der Idee - Von den Grenzen der Exoterik - Erscheinungsweisen der Esoterik - Von den Formen der Kunst - Grundzüge der Metaphysik - Von den Grenzen der Glaubensverbreitung - Der Dreiklang der monotheistischen Offenbarung - Christentum, Islam und Buddhismus. *Buddhismus kurz und bündig* BoD - Books on Demand "In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities, but in the expert's there are few." So begins this most beloved of all American Zen books. Seldom has such a small handful of words provided a teaching as rich as has this famous opening line of Shunryu Suzuki's classic. In a single stroke, the simple sentence cuts through the pervasive tendency students have of getting so close to Zen as to completely miss what it's all about. An instant teaching on the first page. And that's just the beginning. In the thirty years since its original publication, *Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind* has become one of the great modern Zen classics, much

beloved, much re-read, and much recommended as the best first book to read on Zen. Suzuki Roshi presents the basics—from the details of posture and breathing in zazen to the perception of nonduality—in a way that is not only remarkably clear, but that also resonates with the joy of insight from the first to the last page. It's a book to come back to time and time again as an inspiration to practice.

The Soul of Christianity ReadHowYouWant.com

This book brings together lessons from three journeys. The first journey began with my acceptance of Jesus at a young age, together with my growing recognition of the differences between the scriptural record and scientific understanding. It continued with a young man's adventure, a retreat into nature, and an encounter with war. War and life's darker side convinced me that even as nature brings awe and opens us to religious experience, we need morality. The second journey began as I inquired into the ministry. When the church transferred the guide they had assigned to me, Bob Wessman became my mentor. Bob was an ordained pastor with a doctorate in theology. For twenty years, we read and discussed theology, including the Catholic ideas that I had discovered while teaching with the Dominican Sisters. Bob is in hospice care as I write this, and my library is full of the books that he gifted to me. Thank you, Bob. I now had many ideas from my first two journeys, but they floated about in my head without an organizing form. The challenge was to find a form that would allow the ideas to come together and speak in harmony. Differences between Scripture and science had troubled me since my youth, and I could not ignore science. It was simply too good at finding truth to ignore. So science would have to help me. Science cannot touch all that religion touches, but science and technology can be in correspondence with theology. Researching and writing this book could explore that relationship. The result was to have remained personal, but then I thought that a reader might find an idea or two useful. A person who is literate in science might see why trusting Jesus is both good and reasonable. This book is the story of the third journey, an odyssey through science and Christian theology.

Extraordinary Knowing Univ of California Press

An exploration of "mind design" technologies and practices--mindapps--that boost intellectual capacity and enable new ways of thought and action • Reveals how mindapps transform the patterns of our mind-body complex and help generate new ideas by enabling access to new mind states • Examines the singlestate fallacy--the myth that useful thinking only occurs in our ordinary awake mental state • Explores a wealth of mindapp practices and techniques, including microdosing with psychedelics, yoga and martial arts, hypnosis, breathing techniques, lucid dreaming, rites of passage, biofeedback and neurofeedback, and transcranial brain stimulation Just as we can write and install apps in our electronic devices, we can construct "mindapps" and install them in our brain-mind complex, and as just as digital apps add capabilities to our devices, mindapps can expand our mental powers and creative abilities, allowing us to intentionally redesign our minds. Using psychedelics as the prime example, Thomas B. Roberts explores the many different kinds of mindapps, including meditation, other psychoactive plants and chemicals, sensory overload and deprivation, biofeedback and neurofeedback, hypnosis and suggestion, sleep and lucid dreaming, creative imagery, transcranial brain stimulation and optical brain stimulation, rites of passage, martial arts and exercise routines, yoga, breathing techniques, and contemplative prayer. He also looks at the future of mindapps, the potential for new mindapps yet to be invented, and how installing multiple mindapps can produce new, yet to be explored mind states. Drawing on decades of research, he shows how psychedelics in particular are "ideagens"--powerful tools for generating new ideas and new ways of thinking. Uniting the many forms of mindapps into one overall Multistate Mind Theory, Roberts examines the singlestate fallacy--the myth that useful thinking only occurs in our ordinary awake mental state--and demonstrates the many mind-body states we are capable of. He shows how mindapps not only allow us to design and redesign our own minds but also offer benefits for artistic performance, mystical and spiritual experience, and scientific research by improving creativity, open-mindedness, problem solving, and inner-brain connections. Reformulating how we think about the human mind, Mindapps unveils the new multistate landscape of the mind and how we can each enter the world of mind design.

Introduction to the Study of Religion tradition

A concise and up-to-date guide to the history, teachings, and practice of Buddhism by two luminaries in the field of world religions.

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