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a timely defense of religious diversity and its centrality to american identity america is the most religiously devout country in the western world and the most religiously diverse nation on the planet in today s volatile climate of

religious conflict prejudice and distrust how do we affirm the principle that the american promise is deeply intertwined with how each of us engages with people of different faiths and beliefs eboo patel former faith adviser to barack obama and named one of america s best leaders by u s news world report provides answers to this timely and consequential question in this inspiring and thought provoking book patel draws on his personal experience as a muslim in america to examine broader questions about the importance of religious diversity in the cultural political and economic life of the nation he explores how religious language has given the united states some of its most enduring symbols and inspired many of its most vital civic institutions and demonstrates how the genius of the american experiment lies in its empowerment of people of all creeds ethnicities and convictions will america s identity as a judeo christian nation shift as citizens of different backgrounds grow in numbers and influence in what ways will minority religious communities themselves change as they take root in american soil in addressing these and other questions patel shows how america s promise is the guarantee of equal rights and dignity for all and how that promise is the foundation of america s unrivaled strength as a nation the book also includes incisive commentaries by john inazu robert jones and laurie patton on american civil religion faith and law and the increasing number of nonreligious americans

drawing on international and thematic case studies the critical analysis of religious diversity asks its readers to pay attention to the assumptions and processes by which scholars religious practitioners and states construct religious diversity the study has three foci theoretical and methodological issues religious diversity in non western contexts and religious diversity in social contexts together these trans contextual studies are utilised to develop a critical analysis exploring how agency power and language construct understandings of religious diversity as a result the book argues that reflexive scholarship needs to consider that the dynamics of diversification and homogenisation are fundamental to understanding social and religious life that religious diversity is a western concept and that definitions of religious diversity are often entangled by and within dynamic empirical realities contributors are martin baumann peter beyer jørn borup paul bramadat marian burchardt henrik reintoft christensen andrew dawson mar griera anna halafoff william hoverd lene kühle mar marcos stefania travagnin and andreas tunger zanetti

this volume illustrates both theoretically and empirically the differences between religious diversity and religious pluralism it highlights how the factual situation of cultural and religious diversity may lead to individual social and political choices of organized and recognized pluralism in the process both individual and collective identities are

redefined incessantly moving along the continuum that ranges from exclusion to inclusion the book starts by first detailing general issues related to religious pluralism it makes the case for keeping the empirical the normative the regulatory and the interactive dimensions of religious pluralism analytically distinct while recognizing that in practice they often overlap it also underlines the importance of seeking connections between religious pluralism and other pluralisms next the book explores how religious diversity can operate to contribute to legal pluralism and examines the different types of church state relations eradication monopoly oligopoly and pluralism the second half of the book features case studies that provide a more specific look at the general issues from ways to map and assess the religious diversity of a whole country to a comparison between belgian french views of religious and philosophical diversity from religious pluralism in italy to the shifting approach to ethnic and religious diversity in america and from a sociological and historical perspective of religious plurality in japan to an exploration of brazilian religions old and new the transition from religious diversity to religious pluralism is one of the most important challenges that will reshape the role of religion in contemporary society this book provides readers with insights that will help them better understand and interpret this unprecedented transition

challenges citizens of the world to learn from the differences between the religions rather than glibly assume their commonality encourages people to acknowledge the difference

this substantial volume of thirty three original chapters covers the full range of issues in religious diversity an indispensable guide for scholars and students its essays make novel contributions and are crafted by recognized experts who represent a wide variety of religious and philosophical perspectives and backgrounds

as dialogue among the religions of the world has increased the promotion of these exchanges by christians both roman catholic and protestant raises the question of the motives behind these discussions some christians reach out in good will others display defensive hostility still others are simply following the mandates of their church religious diversity rather than pluralism challenges citizens of the world to learn from the differences between religions rather than glibly assuming their commonality acknowledging these differences in praise of religious diversity promotes active conversation rather than conventional dialogue as the mode of meeting between the religions only through a contemporaneous exchange of ideas can the benefits of diversity be realized this new level of communication poses an exciting prospect from which previously unrecognized alternatives for religion and relationships between religions might contribute to even greater human possibilities

muslims hindus buddhists and adherents of other non western religions have become a significant presence in the united states in recent years yet many americans continue to regard the united states as a christian society how are we adapting to the new diversity do we casually announce that we respect the faiths of non christians without understanding much about those faiths are we willing to do the hard work required to achieve genuine religious pluralism award winning author robert wuthnow tackles these and other difficult questions surrounding religious diversity and does so with his characteristic rigor and style america and the challenges of religious diversity looks not only at how we have adapted to diversity in the past but at the ways rank and file americans clergy and other community leaders are responding today drawing from a new national survey and hundreds of in depth qualitative interviews this book is the first systematic effort to assess how well the nation is meeting the current challenges of religious and cultural diversity the results wuthnow argues are both encouraging and sobering encouraging because most americans do recognize the right of diverse groups to worship freely but sobering because few americans have bothered to learn much about religions other than their own or to engage in constructive interreligious dialogue wuthnow contends that responses to religious diversity are fundamentally deeper than polite discussions about civil liberties and tolerance would suggest rather he writes religious diversity strikes us at the very core of our personal and national theologies only by understanding this important dimension of our culture will we be able to move toward a more reflective approach to religious pluralism

this reference book is intended to help teachers teacher administrators policy makers and others deal with the important issue of religious diversity in europe s schools the religious dimension of intercultural education is an issue that affects all schools whether they are religiously diverse or not because their pupils live and will work in increasingly diverse societies the book is the main outcome of the project 1the challenge of intercultural education today religious diversity and dialogue in europe developed by the council of europe between 2002 and 2005 it is in four parts theoretical and conceptual basis for religious diversity and intercultural education educational conditions and methodological approaches religious diversity in schools in different settings examples of current practice in some member states of the council of europe

religious perspectives on religious diversity addresses fundamental and controversial questions raised by religious diversity what are members of religious traditions to say about outsiders their views and their salvific status and what are they to say about the religions of outsiders about say whether those religions are inspired or salvifically effective or worthwhile or legitimate discussion of some muslim christian and jewish perspectives is combined

with more methodological work the authors of these ground breaking and original yet readable and accessible essays include established scholars and younger scholars whose reputation is growing contributors are imran ajaz david basinger paul rhodes eddy jerome gellman mohammad hassan khalil eugene korn daniel a madigan robert mckim john sanders and diego r sarrió cucarella judaism christianity and islam s attitudes to other religions are thoughtfully examined in this collection both with fine historical sensibility as well as original constructive contributions from leading scholars in the field a series of helpful meta reflections follow on typologies in theology of religions the act of comparison between traditions and a plea for informed tolerance when difference is confronted a rare treat an edited collection that is of uniformly high quality throwing immense light on the subject it will help specialists and undergraduate students approaching the subject of religious pluralism professor gavin d costa university of bristol september 2016

what is someone who has a perspective on religious matters to say about those who endorse other perspectives what should they say about other religions for example might some of their beliefs be true what stage are we human beings at in our religious development are we close to maturity religiously speaking so that most of the important religious ideas and innovations there will ever be have already appeared or are we starting out in our religious evolution so that religious developments to date are merely the first rude efforts of a species in its religious infancy

the politics and practice of religious diversity engages with one of the most characteristic features of modern society an increasingly prominent and potentially contentious phenomenon religious diversity is intimately associated with contemporary issues such as migration human rights social cohesion socio cultural pluralisation political jurisdiction globalisation and reactionary belief systems this edited collection of specially commissioned chapters provides an unrivalled geographical coverage and multidisciplinary treatment of the socio political processes and institutional practices provoked by and associated with religious diversity alongside chapters treating religious diversity in the bric countries of brazil russia india and china are contributions which discuss australia finland mexico south africa the uk and the united states this book provides an accessible distinctive and timely treatment of a topic which is inextricably linked with modern society s progressively diverse and global trajectory written and structured as an accessible volume for the student reader this book is of immediate interest to both academics and laypersons working in mainstream and political sociology sociology of religion human geography politics area studies migration studies and religious studies

being faithful in diversity considers the facts and natures of religious diversity and examines responses to them it then explores the more difficult issue about how it is we are to be true to our religious positions and live within the context of religious diversity the challenges we face include the fact of religious diversity in itself the decline of old supports for faith the disappearance of former taken for granted starting places such as the monarchy the british empire and christendom and finally the rise of and presence of newer forms of inter religious competition and conflict newspapers are full of images of religious conflict overseas and reports of religious competition and conflict at home is it possible to negotiate the competing demands and claims between religious groups and the competition and conflict between them and secularist groups

the collection s central theme is the way in which the diversity of religious beliefs and practices from judaism christianity and islam to hinduism buddhism and confucianism relates and can conflict with the moral universalism implied by the concept of human rights

this edited volume offers solutions on the challenges of religious pluralisation from a european perspective it gives special attention to interreligious dialogue and interfaith relations as specific means of dealing with plurality in particular the contributors describe innovative scientific approaches and broad political and social scopes of action for addressing the diversity of beliefs practices and traditions in total more than 25 essays bring together interdisciplinary and international research perspectives the papers cover a wide thematic range they highlight how religious pluralisation effects such fields as theology politics civil society education and communication media the contributors not only illustrate academic debates about religious diversity but they also look at the political and social scope for dealing with such coverage spans numerous countries and beliefs from buddhism to judaism this book features presentations from the herrenhausen conference on religious pluralisation a challenge for modern societies held in hanover germany october 2016 this insightful collection will benefit students and researchers with an interest in religion and laicism interreligious dialogue governance of religious diversity and religion in the public sphere

religious diversity exists whenever seemingly sincere knowledgeable individuals hold incompatible beliefs on the same religious issue diversity of this sort is pervasive existing not only across basic theistic systems but also within these theistic systems themselves religious diversity explores the breadth and significance of such conflict examining the beliefs of various theistic systems particularly within christianity judaism hinduism and buddhism

basinger discusses seemingly incompatible claims about many religious issues including the nature of god and the salvation of humankind he considers particularly the work of hick gellman plantingia schellenberg alston wainwright and quinn applying their perspectives on exclusivism and pluralism as they become relevant to the issues in question basinger s survey of the relevant literature proposed solutions and fresh insights offer an invaluable contribution not only for philosophers of religion and philosophical theologians but for anyone interested in the increasingly significant question of what a religious believer can or cannot justifiably say about their religious perspective

the religious landscape in asia has long been diverse with various forms of syncretic traditions and pragmatic practices continuously having been challenged by centrifugal forces of differentiation this anthology explores representations and managements of religious diversity in japan china south korea vietnam the philippines indonesia sri lanka india and diaspora religions originating in these countries seen through the lenses of history identity state ritual and geography in addition to presenting empirical cases the chapters also address theoretical and methodological reflections using asia as a laboratory for further comparative research of the relevance and use of religious diversity contributors are donald baker ugo dessi chung van hoang ayelet harel shalev noa levy gideon elazar santosh k singh yu tao ed griffith satoko fujiwara uwe skoda tudor silva martin tsang marianne q fibiger jørn borup and lene kühle religious diversity in asia was made possible by a framework grant from the danish agency for science technology and innovation allowing the grant holder jørn borup and two colleagues marianne q fibiger and lene kühle to host a workshop at aarhus university and to co arrange workshops in delhi and nagoya we would like to thank professors arshad alam and michiaki okuyama for hosting these latter workshops at jawaharlal nehru university and nanzan university and we would like to thank professor chong suh kim for the invitation for jørn borup to visit seoul national university we would also like to extend our gratitude to all the scholars who participated in the workshops and to all the authors we subsequently invited to contribute to our endeavor to create this academically relevant volume

the ten essays in this volume explore the vast diversity of religions in the united states from judaic catholic and african american to asian muslim and native american traditions chapters on religion and the south religion and gender indigenous sectarian religious movements and the metaphysical tradition round out the collection the contributors examine the past present and future of american religion first orienting readers to historiographic trends and traditions of interpretation in each area then providing case studies to show their vision of how these

areas should be developed full of provocative insights into the complexity of american religion this volume helps us better understand america s religious history and its future challenges and directions

this two volume set considers the role and significance of religion in post war britian focusing in particular upon the closely inter related themes of the decline of a specifically christian society and the emergence of a culturally and religiously plural society three core questions are examined in depth to what extent and in what ways has religion remained a significant factor in british culture and society in the period since 1945 what role does religion play in interpreting and understanding the development of a multi cultural and multi ethnic society in post war britain and to what extent has britain remained or ceased to be a religious society during this period volume 1 traditions analyses the history and development of the major religious groups present in britain in the period since 1945 the major religious traditions examined include the traditional christian churches judaism islam hinduism sikhism afro caribbean religious groups new religious movements and the implicit religion of the silent majority who remain detached from organised religion but are by no means simply secular volume 2 controversies explores some of the challenges tensions and controversies presented by the emergence of an increasingly religiously plural society in britain since 1945 in particular it focuses on the impact of religious pluralism on both the christian churches and other religious traditions the relationship between communal and national identities and religion women and religion and the relationship between religion and changing attitudes to personal and especially sexual morality

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