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The Comparative Study of Religions Joachim Wach,1958

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New Patterns for Comparative Religion William E. Paden, 2016-05-19 The cross cultural study of religion has always gone hand in hand with the worldview sciences or intellectual frameworks of the time These frames whether focused on psychology or politics gender or colonialism bring out perspectives for understanding religious behavior Today one of our common civic worldviews is represented in the shift from scriptural to evolutionary history This volume brings together in one place key essays by professor emeritus William Paden showing a progression of steps he has taken in exploring bridgeworks between comparative religion and evolutionary models of religious behavior One of the leading scholars in religious studies Paden shows ways that religion can be contextualized as part of the natural world and thus seen as reflecting the ingrained sociality and world making drive of the human species Paden argues that although comparativism has been challenged as too culture bound too western or too gendered cross over categories and concepts between religious traditions cannot be avoided Arguing that there are recurrent patterns of human behavior common to our species and that thereby underlie all cultures he proposes that the missing link in the Religion Evolution debate is comparative religion a global cross cultural perspective on religious behaviours throughout time Each article is contextualized within this overall trajectory of thought within Paden's work and the history of the discipline as a whole

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Buddha, Jesus and Muhammad Paul Gwynne, 2013-12-23 This cool clear sighted comparative study has no theological axe to grind It offers a trusty thematic guide to the figureheads of three of the largest religions in the world The comparative approach is descriptive and even handed highlighting both similarities and differences across a range of major areas The thematic chapters cover early life followers the core message political attitudes relations with women and death The engaging writing and descriptive approach make this an ideal text for students instructors and general readers

Comparative Religions and Philosophies Ravi Prakash 'Baboo', 2021-09-10 COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS AND PHILOSOPHIES Comparative religion is the branch of the study of religions concerned with the systematic comparison of the doctrines and practices of the world's religions In general the comparative study of religion yields a deeper understanding of the fundamental philosophical concerns of religion such as ethics metaphysics and the nature and form of salvation Studying such material is meant to give one a richer and more sophisticated understanding of human beliefs and practices regarding the sacred numinous spiritual and divine In the field of comparative religion the main world religions are generally classified as Abrahamic Indian or Taoic In the study of comparative religion the category of Abrahamic religions consists of the three monotheistic religions Christianity Islam and Judaism which claim Abraham as a part of their sacred history Comparative mythology is the comparison of myths from different cultures in an attempt to identify shared themes and characteristics Comparative mythology has served a variety of academic purposes For example scholars have used the relationships between different myths to trace the development of religions and cultures to propose common origins for myths from different cultures and to support various psychological theories The book is intended to assist students and teachers who are interested in this subject Contents Christianity and its Philosophy Islamic Beliefs and Philosophy Hinduism and its Philosophy Buddhism and its Philosophy Sikhism and its Philosophy Jainism and its Philosophy Confucianism and its Philosophy

Comparing Religions, a Limitative Approach Johannes Gerhardus Platvoet, 1982 Since its founding by Jacques Waardenburg in 1971 Religion and Reason has been a leading forum for contributions on theories theoretical issues and agendas related to the phenomenon and the study of religion Topics include among others category formation comparison ethnophilosophy hermeneutics methodology myth phenomenology philosophy of science scientific atheism structuralism and

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Considering Comparison Oliver Freiberger,2019-01-02 The comparative method is an integral part of religious studies All the technical terms that scholars of religion use on a daily basis such as ritual hagiography shrine authority fundamentalism hybridity and of course religion are comparative terms Yet comparison has been subject to criticism including postcolonialist and postmodernist critiques Older approaches are said to have used comparison primarily to confirm preconceptions about religion More recently comparison has been criticized as an act of abstraction that does injustice to the particular neglects differences and establishes a mostly Western power of definition over the rest of the world In this book Oliver Freiberger takes a closer look at how comparison works Revisiting critical debates and examining reflections in other disciplines including comparative history sociology comparative theology and anthropology Freiberger proposes a model of comparison that is based on a thorough epistemological analysis and that takes both the scholar s situatedness and his or her agency seriously Examining numerous examples of comparative studies Considering Comparison develops a methodological framework for conducting and evaluating such studies Freiberger suggests a comparative approach which he calls discourse comparison that confronts the omnipresent risks of decontextualization essentialization

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