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Abstract

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Bachelor's Degree

Robinson, T. A., & Rodrigues, H. P. *World religions: A guide to the Essentials (Third Edition)*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2022. 351 pages. \$40.00. ISBN-13: 9781540963642

Tom Robinson and Hilary Rodrigues hold a Ph.D. from McMaster University. Tom Robinson has a Ph.D. in the history of Judaism and Christianity in the Greco-Roman period. Hillary Rodrigues holds a Ph.D. in Hinduism and has experience teaching classes about numerous Eastern faiths, a methodology for religious studies, and many facets of Asian philosophy and literature. *World Religions: Guide to the Essentials* aim to offer readers a sense of the significance and depth of religion in the lives of individuals and to convey a concise and clear image of the major religious traditions. The third edition's objective has undergone extensive revisions, including additional sections on gender, sexuality, and the environment, as well as updated information on each tradition's origins and current arrangements. Effective sidebars, pictures, timelines, charts, calendars, glossaries, and spelling help are also included to enhance understanding of Eastern and Western religions.

Bartholomew, C. G. *The Old Testament and God*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2022. 608 pages. \$54.99. ISBN-13: 9781540964014

Craig G. Bartholomew has a Ph.D. from the University of Bristol. He is the author or editor of many books, most recently *The God Who Acts in History: The Significance of Sinai*. He is also the coauthor of *The Drama of Scripture, Living at the Crossroads, and Christian Philosophy* with Michael W. Goheen. Bartholomew's work aims to create a post-critical paradigm shift for the Old Testament, like N. T. Wright has done with his work *The Question of God* for the New Testament. Craig G. Bartholomew integrates historical, literary, and theological methods and a critical realist framework for the Old Testament. After he analyzes how we should read the Old Testament, he examines and explains the various tools available to the reader. He challenges the audience to pay close attention to the Old Testament's historicity and origins.

Elwell, W. A., & Yarbrough, R. W. *Encountering the New Testament: A Historical and Theological Survey (Fourth Edition)*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2022. \$54.99. ISBN-13: 9781540964168

Walter A. Elwell holds a Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh, and Robert W. Yarbrough has a Ph.D. from the University of Aberdeen. For this fourth updated edition, their aim has stayed the same: make the New Testament's core message understandable to the common reader without their being aware of the extended debates in technical New Testament studies since the Age of Enlightenment. This updated edition also has sidebars that discuss ethical and theological issues, as well as numerous images, maps, and charts. Primary sources are available; chapter summaries, learning objectives, and focus boxes that isolate essential themes and study questions are in this work. The piece provides an overview of the New Testament, including each of the Gospels individually, the Pauline writings, historical criticism, New Testament hermeneutics, modern study of Jesus, and more.