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**Luminous Passage** Charles S. Prebish, 1999-06-07 Since the 1960s Buddhism in America has been viewed through the lens of idealism generally associated with the spiritual quest of baby boomers This portrayal has been accurate only to a degree Charles Prebish's *Luminous Passage* is the first account in a new generation of commentary to demonstrate the complexity and variety of this tradition as it establishes roots in this country This book will surely stand as one of the most comprehensive assessments of Buddhism in the United States at the turn of the millennium Richard Seager Hamilton College

*Westward Dharma* Charles S. Prebish, Martin Baumann, 2002-12-04 Like seeds on the wind Buddhist teachings continue to reach new lands This outstanding book brings to light in rich detail the current flowering of Buddhism in the West Long a world religion Buddhism is now a global one Kenneth Kraft author of *The Wheel of Engaged Buddhism* *Westward Dharma* deserves a place on the growing bookshelf of contemporary Buddhist studies Prebish and Baumann broaden our horizons from North America to the wider Western world exploring key aspects of Buddhism's most recent geographical and cultural expansion Paul David Numrich coauthor of *Buddhists Hindus and Sikhs in America* *Buddhism in America* Scott A. Mitchell, 2016-10-20 *Buddhism in America* provides the most comprehensive and up to date survey of the diverse landscape of US Buddhist traditions their history and development and current methodological trends in the study of Buddhism in the West located within the translocal flow of global Buddhist culture Divided into three parts Histories Traditions Frames this introduction traces Buddhism's history and encounter with North American culture charts the landscape of US Buddhist communities and engages current methodological and theoretical developments in the field The volume includes A short introduction to Buddhism A historical survey from the 19th century to the present Coverage of contemporary US Buddhist communities including Theravada Mahayana and Vajrayana Theoretical and methodological issues and debates covered include Social political and environmental engagement Race feminist and queer theories of Buddhism Secular Buddhism digital Buddhism and modernity Popular culture media and the arts Pedagogical tools include chapter summaries discussion questions images and maps a glossary and case studies The book's website provides recommended further resources including websites books and films organized by chapter With individual chapters which can stand on their own and be assigned out of sequence *Buddhism in America* is the ideal resource for courses on Buddhism in America American Religious History and Introduction to Buddhism **Buddhism in Australia** Cristina Rocha, Michelle Barker, 2010-12-07 The number of Buddhists in Australia has grown dramatically in recent years In 2006 Buddhists accounted for 2.1 per cent of Australia's population almost doubling the 1996 figures and making it the fastest growing religion in the country This book analyses the arrival and localisation of Buddhism in Australia in the context of the globalisation of Buddhism Australia's close geographical proximity to Asia has encouraged an intense flow of people ideas practices and commodities from its neighbouring countries while at the same time allowing the development of the religion to be somewhat different to its

growth in other Western countries The book seeks to explore the Buddhist experience in Australia looking at the similarities and particularities of this experience in relation to other Western countries The inception of Buddhism in Australia is investigated and a voice is provided to people on the ground who have been fundamental in making this process possible For the first time academic analysis and practitioners experience are juxtaposed to show the adaptations and challenges of Buddhism in Australia from above and below This book is a unique and valuable contribution to the study of Buddhism in the West globalization of religion and studies in Asian Religion Buddhist Thought and Applied Psychological Research D.K. Nauriyal, Michael S. Drummond, Y.B. Lal, 2006-08-21 Written by leading scholars and including a foreword by the Dalai Lama this book explores the interface between Buddhist studies and the uses of Buddhist principles and practices in psychotherapy and consciousness studies The contributors present a compelling collection of articles that illustrate the potential of Buddhist informed social sciences in contemporary society including new insights into the nature of human consciousness The book examines the origins and expressions of Buddhist thought and how it is now being utilized by psychologists and social scientists and also discusses the basic tenets of Buddhism and contemporary Buddhist based empirical research in the psychological sciences Further emphasis is placed on current trends in the areas of clinical and cognitive psychology and on the Mahayana Buddhist understanding of consciousness with reference to certain developments in consciousness studies and physics A welcome addition to the current literature the works in this remarkable volume ably demonstrate how Buddhist principles can be used to develop a deeper understanding of the human condition and behaviours that lead to a balanced and fulfilling life **Mindful America** Jeff Wilson, 2014-07-01 Thirty years ago mindfulness was a Buddhist principle mostly obscure to the west Today it is a popular cure all for Americans daily problems A massive and lucrative industry promotes mindfulness in every aspect of life however mundane or unlikely Americans of various faiths or none at all practice mindful eating mindful sex mindful parenting mindfulness in the office mindful sports mindfulness based stress relief and addiction recovery and hire mindful divorce lawyers Mindfulness is touted by members of Congress CEOs and Silicon Valley tech gurus and is even being taught in public schools hospitals and the military Focusing on such processes as the marketing medicalization and professionalization of meditation Jeff Wilson reveals how Buddhism shed its countercultural image and was assimilated into mainstream American culture The rise of mindfulness in America Wilson argues is a perfect example of how Buddhism enters new cultures and is domesticated in each case the new cultures take from Buddhism what they believe will relieve their specific distresses and concerns and in the process create new forms of Buddhism adapted to their needs Wilson also tackles the economics of the mindfulness movement examining commercial programs therapeutic services and products such as books films CDs and even smartphone applications Mindful America is the first in depth study of this phenomenon invaluable for understanding how mindfulness came to be applied to such a vast array of non religious concerns and how it can be reconciled with traditional Buddhism in America *A Coat of Many Colors* Walter Conser, 2006-09-04

While religious diversity is often considered a recent phenomenon in America the Cape Fear region of southeastern North Carolina has been a diverse community since the area was first settled Early on the region and the port city of Wilmington were more urban than the rest of the state and thus provided people with opportunities seldom found in other parts of North Carolina This area drew residents from many ethnic backgrounds and the men and women who settled there became an integral part of the region s culture Set against the backdrop of national and southern religious experience *A Coat of Many Colors* examines issues of religious diversity and regional identity in the Cape Fear area Author Walter H Conser Jr draws on a broad range of sources including congregational records sermon texts liturgy newspaper accounts family memoirs and technological developments to explore the evolution of religious life in this area Beginning with the story of prehistoric Native Americans and continuing through an examination of life at the end of twentieth century Conser tracks the development of the various religions denominations and ethnic groups that call the Cape Fear region home From early Native American traditions to the establishment of the first churches cathedrals synagogues mosques and temples *A Coat of Many Colors* offers a comprehensive view of the religious and ethnic diversity that have characterized Cape Fear throughout its history Through the lens of regional history Conser explores how this area s rich religious and racial diversity can be seen as a microcosm for the South and he examines the ways in which religion can affect such diverse aspects of life as architecture and race relations

**The Blackwell Companion to Religion in America** Philip Goff, 2010-03-25 This authoritative and cutting edge companion brings together a team of leading scholars to document the rich diversity and unique viewpoints that have formed the religious history of the United States A groundbreaking new volume which represents the first sustained effort to fully explain the development of American religious history and its creation within evolving political and social frameworks Spans a wide range of traditions and movements from the Baptists and Methodists to Buddhists and Mormons Explores topics ranging from religion and the media immigration and piety though to politics and social reform Considers how American religion has influenced and been interpreted in literature and popular culture Provides insights into the historiography of religion but presents the subject as a story in motion rather than a snapshot of where the field is at a given moment

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**Teaching Mindfulness** Donald McCown, Diane K. Reibel, Marc S. Micozzi, 2010-03-10 The applications and use of mindfulness based interventions in medicine mental health care and education have been expanding as rapidly as the

empirical evidence base that is validating and recommending them This growth has created a powerful demand for professionals who can effectively deliver these interventions and for the training of new professionals who can enter the fold Ironically while the scientific literature on mindfulness has surged little attention has been paid to the critical who and how of mindfulness pedagogy Teaching Mindfulness is the first in depth treatment of the person and skills of the mindfulness teacher It is intended as a practical guide to the landscape of teaching to help those with a new or growing interest in mindfulness based interventions to develop both the personal authenticity and the practical know how that can make teaching mindfulness a highly rewarding and effective way of working with others The detail of theory and praxis it contains can also help seasoned mindfulness practitioners and teachers to articulate and understand more clearly their own pedagogical approaches Engagingly written and enriched with vignettes from actual classes and individual sessions this unique volume Places the current mindfulness based interventions in their cultural and historical context to help clarify language use and the integration of Eastern and Western spiritual and secular traditions Offers a highly relational understanding of mindfulness practice that supports moment by moment work with groups and individuals Provides guidance and materials for a highly experiential exploration of the reader's personal practice embodiment and application of mindfulness Describes in detail the four essential skill sets of the mindfulness teacher p Proposes a comprehensive systematic model of the intentions of teaching mindfulness as they are revealed in the mindfulness based interventions Includes sample scripts for a wide range of mindfulness practices and an extensive resource section for continued personal and career development Essential for today's practitioners and teachers of mindfulness based interventions Teaching Mindfulness A Practical Guide for Clinicians and Educators brings this increasingly important discipline into clearer focus opening dialogue for physicians clinical and health psychologists clinical social workers marriage and family therapists professional counselors nurses occupational therapists physical therapists pastoral counselors spiritual directors life coaches organizational development professionals and teachers and professionals in higher education in short everyone with an interest in helping others find their way into the benefits of the present moment

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Religions of the World J. Gordon Melton, Martin Baumann, 2010-09-21 This masterful six volume encyclopedia provides comprehensive global coverage of religion emphasizing larger religious communities without neglecting the world's smaller religious outposts Religions of the World Second Edition A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices is an extraordinary work bringing together the scholarship of some 225 experts from around the globe The encyclopedia's six volumes offer entries on every country of the world with particular emphasis on the larger nations as well as Indonesia and the Latin American countries that are traditionally given little attention in English language reference works Entries include profiles on religion in the world's smallest countries the Vatican and San Marino profiles on religion in recently established or disputed countries Kosovo and Nagorno Karabakh as well as profiles on religion in some of the world's most remote places Antarctica and Easter Island Religions of the World is unique in that it is based in religion on the ground tracing the development of each of the 16 major world religious traditions through its institutional expressions in the modern world its major geographical sites and its major celebrations Unlike other works the encyclopedia also covers the world of religious unbelief as expressed in atheism humanism and other traditions

*Encyclopedia of New Religious Movements* Peter Clarke, 2004-03 An essential companion

to both research and scholarship upon which undergraduates postgraduates lecturers and researchers can all be expected to draw

*Flowers on the Rock* John S. Harding, Alexander Soucy, Victor Sōgen Hori, 2014-06-01 When Sasaki Sokei an founded his First Zen Institute of North America in 1930 he suggested that bringing Zen Buddhism to America was like holding a lotus against a rock and waiting for it to set down roots Today Buddhism is part of the cultural and religious mainstream *Flowers on the Rock* examines the dramatic growth of Buddhism in Canada and questions some of the underlying assumptions about how this tradition has changed in the West Using historical ethnographic and biographical approaches contributors illuminate local expressions of Buddhism found throughout Canada and relate the growth of Buddhism in Canada to global networks A global perspective allows the volume to overcome the stereotype that Asia and the West are in opposition to each other and recognizes the continuities between Buddhist movements in Asia and the West that are shaped by the same influences of modernity and globalization *Flowers on the Rock* studies the fascinating and ingenious changes inflections and adaptations that Buddhists make when they set down roots in a local culture It is essential reading for anyone interested in Buddhism religious life in Canada and the broader issues of multiculturalism and immigration Contributors include Michihiro Ama University of Alaska D Mitra Barua University of Saskatchewan Paul Crowe Simon Fraser University Melissa Anne Marie Curley University of Iowa Mavis Fenn University of Waterloo Kory Goldberg Champlain College Sarah F Haynes Western Illinois University Jackie Larm University of Edinburgh Paul McIvor independent James Placzek University of British Columbia and Angela Sumegi Carleton University

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**Be the Refugee** Chenxing Han, 2021-01-26 A must read for modern sanghas Asian American Buddhists in their own words on their own terms Despite the fact that two thirds of U S Buddhists identify as Asian American mainstream perceptions about what it means to be Buddhist in America often whitewash and invisibilize the diverse inclusive and intersectional communities that

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and intelligent look at a small but significant part of those relations is most welcome Thomas McEvilley author of *The Shape of Ancient Thought* How wonderful that Jacquelyn Baas has seen the light of the Buddha's smile shining from faraway Asia into the realm of the art of modern times in what we think of as the West Her work reveals how some of our most influential artists explored and expressed the sophisticated perceptions and joyful energy emanating from the realm of Buddhist Asia Robert A F Thurman As a Buddhist scholar and artist I welcome this thoughtful and richly detailed study of how many aspects of Buddhism have stimulated invigorated and enriched Western arts over the past 150 years Stephen Addiss author of *The Art of Zen* A crucial contribution to modern art studies this high spirited text surveys Western artists awakened by the wisdom of the East from Monet and Duchamp to O Keeffe to Martin It is a thoughtful book about thoughtful artists their values and their visions with a lot to offer general readers and specialists alike Charles Stuckey Associate Professor of Art History at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago [American Immigration](#) James Ciment, John Radzilowski, 2015-03-17 Thoroughly revised and expanded this is the definitive reference on American immigration from both historic and contemporary perspectives It traces the scope and sweep of U S immigration from the earliest settlements to the present providing a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach to all aspects of this critically important subject Every major immigrant group and every era in U S history are fully documented and examined through detailed analysis of social legal political economic and demographic factors Hot topic issues and controversies from Amnesty to the U S Mexican Border are covered in depth Archival and contemporary photographs and illustrations further illuminate the information provided And dozens of charts and tables provide valuable statistics and comparative data both historic and current A special feature of this edition is the inclusion of more than 80 full text primary documents from 1787 to 2013 laws and treaties referenda Supreme Court cases historical articles and letters **American JewBu** Emily Sigalow, 2022-01-11 Many Jewish Americans are embracing a dual religious identity practicing Buddhism while also staying connected to their Jewish roots Sigalow argues that the distinctive social position of American Jews led them to their unique engagement with Buddhism and describes how they incorporate aspects of both Judaism and Buddhism into their everyday lives American JewBu highlights the leading role American Jews have played in the popularization of meditation in the United States and reveals the profound impact these two venerable traditions have had on each other Back cover

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