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The Future Of Religion: Traditions In Transition



Synopsis

For centuries, Western thinkers assumed that religion would decline throughout the world as scientific ideas spread and replace "superstition" with modern, rational, secular ways of life. In recent decades, however, that assumption has faded. Across the globe, religion remains an influential force, one that impacts how we view ourselves, each other, and the world around us. As new forms of worship and belief continue to evolve in the twenty-first century, Patheos invited thought leaders from a variety of religious traditions to talk about the future of religion. What trends will influence how people across the spectrum of faiths worship and practice? What are the challenges and opportunities that will confront faith leaders? What are the controversial issues? Will cooperation or conflict between religions be dominant in the years ahead? What reform movements will shape the future of belief? In addressing these questions, we have included the thoughts of many of the most prominent and diverse scholars and commentators on religion today, including Reza Aslan, Philip Clayton, Quentin Cook, Michele Dillon, Gavin Flood, Martin Marty, Alister McGrath, Scot McKnight, Brian McLaren, Hemant Mehta, Eboo Patel, Sarah Pike, Charles Prebish, Jonathan Sarna, Phyllis Tickle, Asma Uddin, Reb Zalman, and many others. This compilation of essays includes the reflections of scholars and practitioners of nine major faith traditions--Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Roman Catholicism, Progressive Christianity, Evangelicalism, Mormonism, Islam, and Paganism--and a tenth collection of articles on Humanism/Atheism. Essays will tackle such subjects as race, interfaith relations, blogging, theological controversies, gender issues, proselytizing, music, emerging movements, politics, and film.

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I liked the book very much. I was surprised at the inclusion of Paganism and surprised at the exclusion of the Sikhs, the Christian Scientists, and Asian religions. Learned a lot and revisit it for information when a question arises. Mary Jane Lane

I read the book and enjoy it really! It's great how many aspects and approaches are used by the contributors. One good good-night reader because short captures :)

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