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Culture As Power : Buddhist Heritage and the Indo-Japanese Dialogue / Madhu Bhalla (ed)

Manohar Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi 2021

xxiv, 213p.; ill. 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9781032045863

\$ 25.00 / HB

510 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800957>

Pranama:Essays in Commemoration of K.N.Jayatilleke / R.D. Gunaratne(Ed.)
K.N.Jayatilleke Commemoration Volume Publication Committee,Sri Lanka 2021
182p.

Includes Bibliography

9786249816602

\$ 20.00 / HB

530 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791765>

Buddhism Among the Tamils:Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka / Siva Thiagarajah
Kumaran Book House,Sri Lanka 2021

152p.

9789556597462

\$ 18.00 / null

188 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791766>

Early Buddhist Ballads: Their Relation to the Older Upanishadic Literature / S.M. Katre

Aryan Books International, New Delhi 2021

xxvii, 138p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9788173056567

\$ 17.50 / HB

410 gm.

This book touches upon the most interesting and vital topic of continuities in ancient Indian thought, with special reference to the possible links in ideas and concepts between the Upanishads and the formative stage of Buddhism as represented by the early ballads. The first part deals with the nature, growth and origin of the ballads and also makes observations about the social conditions of the period to which these belong. In the next part Katre examines possible references to Brahmanical texts in the ballads and passages common to these texts and the ballads. He then undertakes a penetrating comparative study of how some of the core concepts of the Indian thought such as Atman, Karma, existence and emancipation are dealt with in the ballads and the Upanishadic texts.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783938>

Buddhist monumental heritage of sTod valley in Lahul / Chhering Dorje, Tobdan
Kaveri Books, New Delhi 2021

vi, 119p.; illus(b/w) ; 25 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index

9789386463210

\$ 19.00 / HB

500 gm.

This pictorial book is an attempt to explore and document the existing Buddhist monumental heritages of sTod Valley in Lahul which have been preserved by the inhabitants of the area for centuries. The historical as well as socio-economic and religious life of this region has elaborately been discussed in this book. Emphasis have been given to the main Brug-pa Monastery of Gemur and its subsidiary shrines and other religious structures of sTod region of the valley. It is hoped that this book will serve as a guide for serious scholars and researchers in carrying out detailed research in the respective field and would be found useful to the lay visitors particularly the tourists during their visit to the valley.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800944>

Monpas : Buddhists of the high Himalayas / Vinay Sheel Oberoi, His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama

Showcase/Roli Books, New Delhi, India 2022

199p.; illus (colour) ; 32 cm.

9788194425793

\$ 75.00 / HB

1700 gm.

It began with a new camera, a retirement present from the author's wife. The Kameng area in Arunachal Pradesh, familiar to the author's family for over six decades, and the Monpa people provided the perfect subjects to indulge his interest in photography. Over time, the idea of a book firmed up, and the photographs coalesced into what was envisioned as a sensitive, not necessarily comprehensive, look at the Monpa way of life and their land, Monyul. The intent was not to be ethnographic or academic, but to portray the rapidly changing world of the Monpas. A meditative travelogue in images that transforms into a thoughtful exploration, the book captures the lives of the people and the region. The author's personal stories, interspersed throughout the book, tell of the Monpas' hospitality and warmth, providing insight into the everyday lives of a spiritual community.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800949>

Traces of the Sarvastivadins in the Buddhist Monasteries of Kucha / Giuseppe Vignato, Satomi Hiyama with Appendices by Petra Kieffer-Pulz and Yoko Taniguchi

Dev Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi 2022

xxiv, 438 p.; illus (b/w, and colour) ; 29 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index

9789387496750

\$ 167.50 / HB

1780 gm.

The innovative approach to the study of Kuchean Buddhism presented in this book examines the material remains in order to identify the type of Buddhism practiced in the region, which left its traces in the rock- and surface monasteries. In addition to drawing upon as yet unpublished data from in situ fieldwork, this study also undertakes a detailed reading of the records and photographs of early 20th century international expeditions, and the artefacts which were taken from the caves and are now held in museums around the world. The interdisciplinary collaboration of the two main authors has permitted the identification of four successive phases of the Kuchean Sarvāstivāda tradition based on the archaeological and art-historical analysis of the sites, districts, cave groups, cave types, layouts of the décor, the narrative contents and iconography therein, and the source texts. The results of this study are supported and further extended upon by the contributions of two guest scholars. The appendixes focus on the Vinaya texts unearthed in the Kucha region and on the materials and techniques of the wall paintings, respectively. Our study focuses specifically on a single phase of the Kuchean Sarvāstivāda tradition, which is herein referred to by the unbiased term 'Tradition A'. This tradition can be clearly distinguished from other traditions present in the caves of Kucha. Part One offers a comprehensive catalogue of 'Tradition A' caves, while Part Two presents a typological analysis based on the 'sense of place' of each of the caves, as well as a study of the features of their primary and secondary décor, before moving to the contextualization of the spatial context of these caves within the monasteries. Based on these data 'Tradition A' emerges as an early phase of Kuchean Sarvāstivāda Buddhism which may be closely related to the Shisonglü. ~Numerous Coloured Images~

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800947>

Buddhist Education in Early Medieval India / Kameshwar Prasad

Kaveri Books, New Delhi 2021

192p.; illus(b/w, and colour) ; 24 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

9789386463135

\$ 31.50 / HB

700 gm.

In early medieval India the Buddhist (monastic) system of education was well developed. It was somewhat different from the Vedic and Brahmanical system of education, though some similarities can be noticed between them. The Viharas and Mahaviharas became centers of Buddhist education. Most of these Buddhist educational institutions were located in the then Bihar and Bengal. The most important of these Mahaviharas were Nalanda, Odantapuri and Vikramshila. They developed their own system of education. The Chinese and the Tibetan sources enlighten us on the monastic complex, rules of admission, subjects of study, life of students and high discipline maintained by monks and students. Seals, sealings and inscriptions discovered from the sites of the Mahaviharas throw light on the management as well as patronage granted to these Buddhist educational centers. The Mahaviharas became centers of Mahayana Buddhism and Tantricism. Students and scholars came there in large numbers not only from different parts of India but Ceylon, Nepal, Tibet, China and other countries according to their reputation of international educational centers of Buddhist studies.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800942>

Social History of Indian Buddhism: New Researches / Birendra Nath Prasad

Research India Press, New Delhi 2021

viii, 297p.; illus(b/w), maps (b/w) ; 22 cm.

Includes Index

9789351711964

\$ 44.00 / HB

600 gm.

The fate of Indian Buddhism was not totally dependent on royal patronage. Buddhism had to devise ways to attract patronage from many segments of society, which forced it to enter into complex interactions with social institutions and processes. In that sense, it was never asocial. It had a complex social history. Papers in the present book hope to explore some aspects of the social history of Buddhism in some parts of early historic and early medieval India: western Deccan, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Bihar, Bengal and Odisha.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800940>

Catholic Chilaw: A Brief Sketch of the History of the Catholic Church in Chilaw
(2nd Ed.) / E. Aloysius Fernando (Ed) Romesh Nonis
S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt.) Ltd., Sri Lanka 2021

9786240011938

\$ 15.00 / null

186 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791767>

Catholicism in Jaffna: A Brief Sketch of its History from the Earliest Times to the
Present Day (2nd ed.) / Rev. S. Gnana Prakasar O.M.I. (Ed), Romesh Nonis
S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., Sri Lanka 2021

52p.

9786240011990

\$ 12.00 / null

100 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791768>

Between Celebration and Critique: Snapshots from 500 Years of Philippine
Christianity / Jose Mario C. Francisco, SJ

Ateneo de Manila University Press, Quezon City, Philippines 2021

xvi, 500p. ; 22.86cm.

Includes Index

9786214481583

\$ 35.00 / null

644 gm.

"As Christianity in the Philippines celebrates its quincentennial anniversary, we are delighted that José Mario C. Francisco's *Between Celebration and Critique: Snapshots from 500 Years of Philippine Christianity*, a selection of his essays published over the last thirty years in various (but not all easily accessible) venues, is coming out in print as a convenient single volume. . . . It is a required reading as the Philippines celebrates the quincentennial anniversary of Christianity's arrival on its shores and as the country enters a new era of ecumenical, globalized, and postcolonial Christianity." — Peter C. Phan, The Ignacio Ellacuría, SJ, Chair of Catholic Social Thought, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Georgetown University, and José Casanova, Professor Emeritus, Department of Sociology, Georgetown University

"I consider this volume a very significant and timely contribution to Asian theology. More precisely, it is an excellent introduction to fundamental theology in the Philippines and in Asia. As readers would have surmised, the approach of and issues in fundamental theology in the global south are different from those in the North, which mostly touch upon questions of bridging reason and faith. In contrast, the concern of fundamental theology in the South is how to reconcile culture, history, and agency with the Christian faith. With this volume, I believe that Professor Francisco, one of the leading theologians in Asia, will inspire other Asian theologians to do Asian fundamental theology in new and creative ways in consideration of their respective contexts." — Felix Wilfred, Former Member, International Theological Commission, and Former Secretary, Office of Theological Concerns, Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=789625>

The Focus Minded Man: Lessons From The Book Of Nehemiah / Adefisayo Adefarakan

Profemative Concepts Int'l, Lagos, Nigeria 2021

90p.

9789789835164

\$ 10.00 / null

154 gm.

Nehemiah was concerned about his homeland, hence he did not waste any opportunity to get updates about the situation of Jerusalem. This burden became the seed for the rebuilding and ultimately the revival of the land. This book is simply a record of God's revelation to the author as he studied the book of Nehemiah. It is indeed a reinforcement of what God can do when there is a willing man who is not bothered about opposition and circumstance. It is part of a series of Self Discovery Bible Studies.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791969>

Pentecostalism and the Gospel of the Belly in Nigeria / Yinka Olomojobi

John Archers (Publishers) Ltd, Ibadan, Nigeria 2021

xiv, 294p.

Includes Index

9789785590810

\$ 55.00 / null

550 gm.

This book explores the question of whether or not Pentecostalism in Nigeria is all about business and the quest for wealth – is the church now a business enterprise or a charitable organization? Thus it is contended that religion is a decisive social construct variant in Nigeria. While concurring with the imperative that Pentecostalism occupies a central place in Christianity, there is a rising section of deviant elements in this sector, wherein the normative influence of Christianity has been deserted for an insatiable quest for riches. Thus, it is not surprising that a vast number of Pentecostal pastors are worshipped by their parishioners as they would God.

What could have led to this conversion from worshipping God Almighty to venerating mere mortals? The great absurdity of the Nigerian situation is that it is perhaps the most religious country globally, yet the most corrupt nation at the same time. Therefore, given the depth of her religiosity, it is not surprising that Pentecostalism is perhaps the fastest growing commercial industry in Nigeria. In other words, Nigeria's rate of church growth as 'business centres,' as it were, is perhaps the fastest in the world. This conceivably has placed an indelible stain on Christianity, making it a source for concern in Nigeria. In spite of these consistent challenges, what is striking however, is that the growth of Pentecostalism has remained unhindered even when its adherents are aware that although Jesus fed the 5,000 hungry people (Matthew 14:13-21), today in some Pentecostal churches, 5,000 people or more are feeding the pastor. To understand the complexities of this discourse demands the consideration of perspectives of individuals, especially students and people at the grassroots. The book further sheds light on understanding how Pentecostalism connects with the Nigerian society, in explaining and evaluating the symbiotic relationship between Pentecostalism and its influence in Nigerian culture. While conceding that the Church is not the enemy of Nigeria, there are nonetheless charlatans in the Pentecostal church as there are in the other sectors of human endeavour. Therefore, if the Church and her Bridegroom who are victims of differing antagonisms all through the ages are yet to go extinct, then there must be such an intriguing substance that still enables the Church to command such unceasing deluge of attention.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800030>

Church As A Communion: Perspectives and Expressions the Context / Jannel N. Abogado, OP (ed)

University of Santo Tomas Publishing House, Philippines 2021

xii, 216p. ; 23cm.

Includes Bibliography

9789715068819

\$ 30.00 / null

348 gm.

- 1.Catholic Church – Asia.
- 2.Church – History of Doctrines.
- 3.Mission of the church.
- 4.Lord's Supper – Catholic Church.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799797>

Vasudeva Krishna and Mathura / Meenakshi Jain

Aryan Books International, New Delhi 2021

xii, 222p.; ill. 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9788173056581

\$ 20.00 / HB

570 gm.

This work examines the antiquity of image worship in India. Its main focus is the Bhagavata religion that evolved around Vasudeva Krishna of the Vrishni clan. The earliest literary reference to Vasudeva was by the grammarian Panini (6th century bce), and the earliest surviving epigraphic reference was the Heliodorus pillar inscription (2nd century bce). At Mathura, several noteworthy archaeological finds dated to the early Common Era were recovered from the site of Katra Keshavadeva. In the medieval period, Katra Keshavadeva was subjected to repeated devastation, beginning with that by Mahmud Ghaznavi in 1071 ce. However, within a century a temple dedicated to Vishnu was built at Katra Keshavadeva. Thereafter, the story of destruction followed by construction was repeated over and over again. In the early 17th century, the Keshavadeva temple was rebuilt by Bir Singh Deo Bundela. In 1670, the Mughal emperor, Aurangzeb ordered its destruction. An Idgah was built at the site. Later developments at Katra Keshavadeva were recorded in the judicial records of colonial India.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783937>

The Mahabharata Story / S. Sitaramayya

Old Madras Press, Chennai 2021

xxiv, 662p.; 25 cm.

9788195431403

\$ 22.50 / HB

1650 gm.

The Mahabharata Story is a concise narration in English of the Hindu epic. S. Sitaramayya, the narrator, had himself published it in 1943. In a short review in 1944, The Indian Review (Madras) had highlighted a noteworthy feature of it: It has been truly observed that no work of imagination is so rich and so true as the Mahabharata in the portraiture of the human character and that it is an encyclopaedia of the life and knowledge of ancient India. There must be certainly many who are anxious to be acquainted with the contents of this great and immortal epic but the size of the book in the original and the English translation of it by the famous Dr. Roy is likely to frighten the reader who may be a busy man and yet anxious to know the story.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800420>

Dasarapedia: History, Heritage and Practices / V Ranganath, La Na Swamy

Bharatiya Kala Prakashan, New Delhi 2021

xviii, 252p.; illus(b/w and color) ; 29cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

9788180904172

\$ 75.00 / HB

1430 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800527>

Aspects of Siva and Sakti in Indian Art: Earliest Times to The Cola Period / Kamal Shankar Srivastava

Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2021

xxxii, 562p.; illus(b/w), maps (b/w) ; 29cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

9788121512800

\$ 75.00 / HB

1760 gm.

Aspects of Siva and Sakti in Indian Art is based on the literary and archaeological data pertaining to various forms-theriomorphic, anthropomorphic, and phallic of Siva and Sakti, which are depicted in Indian art from the earliest times to the Cola period. The concept of Siva and Sakti, the fundamental of creation in Indian philosophy, has been discussed elaborately in the ancient texts, while the temples, icons and paintings from the material expression of this concept with a holistic understanding almost all the significant aspects of Siva and Sakti narrations with their philosophical explanations have been incorporated in the proposed work. The long time span selected for this study helps demarcating the formulation, development and elaboration of the concept, as well as the artistic amplitude of Siva and Sakti in the art and culture of India.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800526>

Contemplative studies and Hinduism : meditation, devotion, prayer, and worship / Rita D. Sherma and Purushottama Bilimoria

Manohar Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi 2021

xiv, 213p.; 24cm.

Includes Index

9780367746353

\$ 25.00 / HB

550 gm.

This book is one of the first wide-ranging academic surveys of the major types and categories of Hindu contemplative praxis. It explores diverse spiritual and religious practices within the Hindu traditions and Indic hermeneutical perspectives to understand the intricate culture of meditative communion and contemplation, devotion, spiritual formation, prayer, ritual, and worship. The volume extends and expands the conceptual reach of the fields of Contemplative Studies and Hindu Studies. The chapters in the volume cover themes in Hindu contemplative experience from various texts and traditions including classical Sākhya and Patañjali Yoga, the Bhāgavata Purāṇa, the role of Sādhana in Advaita Vedānta, Śrīvidyā and the Śrīcakra, the body in Tantra, the semiotics and illocution of Gauṛīya Vaiṣṇava sādhanā, mantra in Mīmāṃsā, Vaiṣṇava liturgy, as well as cross-cultural reflections and interreligious comparative contemplative praxis. The volume presents indigenous vocabulary and frameworks to examine categories and concerns particular to the Hindu contemplative traditions. It traces patterns that cut across Hindu traditions and systems and discusses contrasting methods of different theological/philosophical schools evincing a strong plurality in Hindu religious thought and practice. The volume provides intra-religious comparisons that reveal internal complexity, nuances, and a variety of contemplative states and transformative practices that exist under the rubric of Hindu practices of interiority and reflection.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800512>

Taming the serpent King Nandopananda : historicity, transmission, and translation of Pali and Tibetan discourse / Animesh Prakash

Aditya Prakashan, New Delhi 2021

xxvii, 182p.; illustrations (black and white) ; 23cm.

Includes Index

9788195096190

\$ 20.00 / HB

500 gm.

Nandopanandanagadamanakatha or the discourse of taming the Serpent Nandopananda is a tale of the heroic feats performed by Elder Mahamoggallana using his supernatural powers (abhinna). It belongs to Pali commentaries and the similar story is very popular among Theravada Buddhist countries with different titles such as or Taming the Naga in Sinhalese and or the Royal Thai Version of Nandopananda Discourse in Thai. According to the Tibetan MSS' Colophons of Nandopanandanagadamanakatha, it was translated into Tibetan with a title or A Discourse on Taming the Serpent King Nandopananda by the great collaborative effort of two scholars of 14th century: Pandita Anandasri and a Tibetan translator Nyi ma rgyal mtshan dpal bzang po.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800517>

The Yogasutra of Patañjali: a new introduction to the Buddhist roots of the yoga system / Pradeep P. Gokhale

Manohar Publisher & Distributors, New Delhi 2020

ix,239p ; 24cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

9780367634186

\$ 25.00 / HB

550 gm.

This book offers a systematic and radical introduction to the Buddhist roots of Pātañjala-yoga, or the Yoga system of Patañjali. By examining each of 195 aphorisms (sūtras) of the Yogasūtra and discussing the Yogabhāya, it shows that traditional and popular views on Pātañjala-yoga obscure its true nature. The book argues that Patañjali's Yoga contains elements rooted in both orthodox and heterodox philosophical traditions, including Sākhya, Jaina and Buddhist thought. With a fresh translation and a detailed commentary on the Yogasūtra, the author unearths how several of the terms, concepts and doctrines in Patañjali's Yoga can be traced to Buddhism, particularly the Abhidharma Buddhism of Vasubandhu and the early Yogācāra of Asaga. The work presents the Yogasūtra of Patañjali as a synthesis of two perspectives: the metaphysical perspective of Sākhya and the empirical-psychological perspective of Buddhism. Based on a holistic understanding of Yoga, the study explores key themes of the text, such as meditative absorption, means, supernormal powers, isolation, Buddhist conceptions of meditation and the interplay between Sākhya and Buddhist approaches to suffering and emancipation. It further highlights several new findings and clarifications on textual interpretation and discrepancies. An important intervention in Indian and Buddhist philosophy, this book opens up a new way of looking at the Yoga of Patañjali in the light of Buddhism beyond standard approaches and will greatly interest scholars and researchers of Buddhist studies, Yoga studies, Indian philosophy, philosophy in general, literature, religion and comparative studies, Indian and South Asian Studies and the history of ideas.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800514>

Mythic Landscapes and Argumentative Trails in Sanskrit Epic Literature:

Dubrovnik International Conference on the Sanskrit Epics and Puranas / Ivan Andrijanić, Sven Sellmer , general

Dev Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi 2022

xxxii, 381 pages ; 24cm.

Includes Index

9789387496767

\$ 47.50 / HB

860 gm.

The volume contains research papers presenting widely differing approaches and elaborating different problems from standpoints that are often innovative, instructive and very fruitful. In accordance with the conception and mission of the DICSEP conferences and publications, these contributions should continue stimulating the international research in the field of the Sanskrit epics and Purāṇas as crucial works in the Indian literature, religion and culture, and as literary monuments which have had a great impact on the heritage of Asia and mankind. We hope that the contributions to this sixth volume of the DICSEP publications will attract the due attention of the international scholarly community.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800524>

Mandukya Upanisad and Prasna Upanisad / Anirvan, Gautam Dharmapal
Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi 2020
viii,132p.;22cm.
9788188643769
\$ 11.50 / HB
480 gm.

MANDUKYA, though it is the smallest UPANISD - it consists of only twelve short passages - it encompasses the entire range of human consciousness. It describes beautifully all the states of consciousness along with the discipline - Sadhna to raise our consciousness from the lowest to the highest, culminating in full attainment of the Self-Atman or Brahman. The main subject discussed in the Prasna Upanisad that of Prasna (The Primal Energy) in the form of four questions. The fifth question is about Pranava. In it we get the indication about the Sadhana spiritual discipline to realise the ultimate Truth. The last question is about the Goal, about the Being whom we have to discover in ourselves.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800521>

The Stories of Prophets (Peace Be Upon Them) / Habib ur Rehman Qazi
Emel Publications, Islamabad, Pakistan 2022
xiv, 222p.
Includes Bibliography
\$ 20.00 / null
320 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800597>

The Life of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) / Habib ur Rehman Qazi
Excellent Publishers, Rawalpindi, Pakistan 2022
282p.
Includes Bibliography
\$ 10.00 / null
340 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800598>

Values, Principles and Concepts (Qur'anic Perspective) / Justice (R) Syed Afzal Haider
Classic, Pakistan 2021
352p.
\$ 40.00 / HB
404 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799740>

The Message of Islam / Maqsood Jafri
Peace Publications, Pakistan 2022
256p.
9789697280391
\$ 30.00 / HB
394 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799741>

The Paradise of Sayyidah Fatima Zahra ('a) : Chief of the Women of Paradise / Muzaffar Iqbal

Al-Ma'sumah ('a) Publications (Waqf), Pakistan

354p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

\$ 50.00 / HB

782 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799742>

Jinnah's Islamic Vision of Pakistan / Anis Ahmad

Emel Publications, Pakistan 2021

xii, 148p.

Includes Index

9789699556542

\$ 30.00 / HB

362 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799737>

Democracy and Islam in History / SM Zafar

Jahangir's World Times Publications, Pakistan 2022

280gm.

9789696641452

\$ 28.00 / null

300 gm.

Democracy and Islam in History By S M Zafar JWT. 'Islam and democracy have been a debate, which entered the Muslim discourse ever since Western powers became involved in the affairs of the Ummah. In this debate, three distinct points of view emerged in the course of time. These three points of view may be termed as conservative, liberal, and moderate.

- The first group outrightly refused to consider anything peeling incoming from outside as worthwhile.

- The second wholeheartedly espoused everything that came from the West.

- The third maintained a balanced and moderate attitude.

Only the last group deserves consideration. Our present author also belongs to the last group. He is amply qualified to express his views on the subject. He is not only an outstanding jurist of our country but also has sufficient experience in politics and governance. He had been Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs in the central government of President Muhammad Ayub Khan. He remained active in politics for decades and worked as Senator for several terms. He has been one of those few statesmen in our country who enjoyed respect across the wide spectrum of political affiliations. Syed Muhammad Zafar has also written extensively on a number of challenging issues of contemporary relevance. His scholarly views have elicited wide interest among the intellectual circles of our time. Democracy and Islam By SM Zafar JWT

Syed Muhammad Zafar maintains that democratic dispensation as evolved in Europe from the 17th century onwards and that was gradually adopted in a large part of the world is not essentially incompatible with the principles of Islam. This way of thinking brings the author to the third category identified above. By and large, Muslim scholars of recent times have been of a similar view. A few platitudes should, however, not escape consideration by anyone reflecting on the nature of the Islamic concept of state and politics.

First, democracy as evolved in Europe and spread worldwide has had its roots in the peculiar historical context of medieval European society, which witnessed a conflict between the Church and advocates of freedom from the religious establishment. In the history of Islam, no such conflict took place only because no church or monasticism was known in Islam. Democracy and Islam in History By S M Zafar JWT.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799738>

Means of Salvation: Compilation of the Holy Addresses By Elevated Ally of Allah and Devotee of Holy Prophet (PBUH) / Ali Muhammad Choudhary

Sang-e-Meel Publications, Pakistan 2022

252p.
9693534042; 9789693534047
\$ 25.00 / HB
394 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799739>

Introduction to Islam for Malawi / David S.Bone

Mzuni Press,Mzuzu,Malawi 2021

174p. ; 210 x 148mm

9789996060908

\$ 30.00 / null

250 gm.

In Malawi, where Islam arrived before Christianity, a substantial minority of the population are Muslims and, in some areas, they form the majority. Many people in one major ethnic group, the Yao, have an especially close association with the religion. In cities and many areas of the country the distinctive presence of Islam can be seen in the form of mosques, ways of dressing, customs and festivals. Muslims have provided Malawi with a State President and Vice-President, Cabinet Ministers and Ambassadors, as well as leading figures in commerce, the professions and the security services.

This book aims to contribute to knowledge and understanding in three main ways and falls into three sections. First and foremost, it offers a concise introduction to the foundations on which the religion of Islam is based. It then goes on to describe the expansion and development of the Islamic Community and account for some of the sources of the rich diversity that is found among Muslims. Some of this diversity comes from the very different cultures in which Islam has found a place, and some of it comes also from different interpretations of the foundations of the religion itself. The book concludes with an outline of how Islam has come to Africa, and to Malawi in particular, and how it has found expression in the lives of Muslims there.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=789129>

The Issue of Sharia Compliance in Multi-Level Marketing: Halal vs Haram / Andi Muhamad

Santi Ilmu Publication, Malaysia 2021

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