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The Real You : Unpacking You / Angie Murenga (Ed) Josephine Ngatia
WordPower Publishing Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya 2021

168p.
9789914704020
\$ 30.00 / HB
380 gm.

We spend much of our lives chasing our dreams and busy with the rat race thinking we are living meaningful lives, but in reality, we are not. What we have overlooked is the fact that God created each of us for more than we are experiencing, and we need to align with His original plan for us. The Real You is an eye-opening book, which aims to show you how to align with who God created you to be and His purpose for your life. The real you is made up of and expressed through eight aspects of your life – spirit, soul, body, social, financial, professional, leadership, and geographical. The Real You is a book that will bring strategic alignment to your life by showing you the importance of developing an intimate relationship with God. Learn how to live as the Real You and deliver value to the world in a way that is unique to you.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=824731>

Biblia Tetun (Testamentu Tuan) : Ad Experimentum / Salesian Media Centre (SMC)

Salesian Media Centre (SMC), Don Bosco Comoro, Dili, East Timor 2020
x, 870p.
\$ 50.00 / null
900 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823594>

Imus Good Friday / Robert "Oby" Ramos Castaneda (Ed), Jose Elmer "Emoy" Belocura Francisco

Cofradia Dela Pasion De Jesus, Philippines 2022
xii, 224p.
\$ 50.00 / HB
1050 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=824147>

The Discovering the Joys of Life : The 7 Life-Giving Principles for a Meaningful Life / Rev. Fr. Joe Blas Nolasco

Institute of Spirituality in Asia, Inc., Philippines 2022
252p.
9789719642190
\$ 35.00 / null

400 gm.

This is an invitation that, before the big sleep, we must learn to discover the joys of life where peace, love, and serenity thrive; that God's love is the foundation of all forms of love and a driving force to share the love through our compassion and charity.

Being self-aware is an essential step in our understanding of who we are, what we do, and why we do it, and what gives meaning to us in life. The mystery of prayer is key to understand the mystery of human life; that living the present moment is the grace that we have every day. Being grateful of life, of people, of events, and moments that we are called to take an adventure and learn to be playful as children of God

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825528>

Love, Power and Grace: Conversations on Spirituality with the Young People / Antonio Ruiz (et al.) (Ed) Perla Choudhury

Institute of Spirituality in Asia, Inc., Philippines 2021

264p.

9789719642152

\$ 35.00 / null

400 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825529>

Living Flame : A Journal of Interdisciplinary Discourse in Spirituality, Volume 5 : Sparks of the Spirit / Perla A. Choudhury (ed)

Institute of Spirituality in Asia, Inc., Philippines 2022

vi, 128p.

9789719642169

\$ 35.00 / null

200 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825531>

Strategic OD: Towards Holistic Organization Development / Eliseo A. Aurellado

Institute of Spirituality in Asia, Inc., Philippines 2022

280p.

9789719642183

\$ 35.00 / null

400 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825532>

Edith Stein's Inquiry Into The Meaning Of Being: A Dialogue Between Faith And Reason / Jose Conrado Auza Estafia (Ed), Perla A. Choudhury

Institute of Spirituality in Asia, Inc., Philippines 2021

192p.

Includes Bibliography

9789719642176

\$ 40.00 / null

300 gm.

This book is a breakthrough in the studies of Edith Stein in the Philippine context. Written by a Filipino scholar who studied in the University of Vienna in Austria, this publication delves into primary sources and employs a critical methodology which makes it a must-read and a necessary addition to the growing scholarly literature about Edith Stein. The author's capacity to nuance and complexify the narrative and doctrine of Edith Stein and his resistance against simplification make this philosophical opus an excellent read. Especially in studying the life of a philosopher and in this age of over-simplification brought about by the social media and by the proliferation of misinformation and disinformation, the need to return to primary sources is of utmost necessity. Fr. Estafia has indeed written a book which is profoundly deep, coherent and complex yet enlightening. He presents us with a work which will be a milestone in Filipino studies on Edith Stein and which can be at par with studies abroad. - Fr. Philip Francis Bersabe, SThL, MA, MBA Parish Priest Nuestra Señora de Katipanan Parish Paloyon, Nabua, Camarines Sur.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825530>

Religiosity in African Christian Churches / Tresphor C. Mutale

Langaa RPCIG, Bamenda, Cameroon 2022

xxii, 182p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Bibliography

9789956552429

\$ 35.00 / null

360 gm.

In this book Tresphor Mutale critically examines contemporary African Christianity through the leadership from prophets, men of God, pastors, seers and more. The book looks at the rationality of apparently irrational religious expressions and experiences in the name of religion. It analyses the irrationalities using the spectacles of African Traditional Religions (ATR), especially with respect to the importance of rituals. From the vantage point of rituals, there is sense in nonsense, and some of the irrational religious expressions being experienced today become rational. The book raises the aspect of authority of ritual leadership in ATR and how this symbol holds authority in Christianity today and how it has power to influence believers. Mutale argues that African Christianity and how it is experienced today point to the deeper influence of African Traditional Religions. The book provokes many questions about the power of African symbolisms, their application in Christianity and how Christianity through the lenses of African Traditional Religions is able to relate and influence other areas of society like, economics, politics and sociality. The book draws on and enriches perspectives on religion and religiosity with the depth of Mutale's ability to bring into conversation anthropological, philosophical, sociological and theological approaches.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=816625>

Malay Traditional Customs: Towards A Shariah Compliant Practice / Ahmad Badri Abdullah, Mohammad Hashim Kamali & bMohamed Azam Mohamed Adil

International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies Malaysia (IAIS), Malaysia
2020

32p.

9789671678695

\$ 10.00 / null

100 gm.

Culture is a defining element and criterion of the identities of countries and communities around the globe. Culture is signified by the sum total of ideas, meanings and practices upheld by a community and reflected in their shared characteristics. Despite serving as a part of social identity, however, culture is fluid and often interacts with other cultures and aspects of life, such as history and religion. The intersection of Islamic teachings and their influences with various cultures across the Muslim world is a reality that can hardly be denied. Stretching from Europe to Africa, the Near East and beyond, Islam has met world civilisations at multiple crossroads. During this process of meeting, Islamic values have been assimilated into different civilisations that have nonetheless retained their own unique ethnic and territorial cultures. The great Malay traditions and customs of the past form a part of this rich mosaic of Muslim global ethos. Yet due to its long historical roots and geographical context, Malay culture also retains its own peculiarities. Cultural evolution has significantly shaped the Malay psyche across the centuries. This influence can be seen in Malay lifestyles, everyday practices and seasonal celebrations. Everyday codes of conduct connected to births, weddings, deaths and royal ceremonies exhibit a manifest fusion of historical vestiges with present cultures. As these historical practices often originate with the pre-Islamic period, their Hindu-Buddhist and animistic traces remain palpable. Therefore, closer attention to these customary practices is called for to ascertain their conformity to core Islamic tenets. Throughout the long history of its development, the shariah has not failed to address cultural realities through different avenues, often taking pragmatic approaches to safeguard people's convenience and human interests. The concept of 'urf, for instance, serves as Islam's main avenue for the recognition of local customs. This PIP observes, inter alia, some Malay customary practices in the light of 'urf and tasyabbuh (assimilation), two shariah concepts that are instrumental in gauging the legality of social norms and conventions. This PIP also advances a number of both theoretical and actionable recommendations aimed at enhancing public awareness regarding suspected customs, while also promoting policy initiatives to regulate those practices. These include the suggestion that civil societies and religious authorities keep an active profile of awareness-raising among the Malay public concerning unwarranted practices and provide them with adequate guidelines regarding their traditions, customs and concerns. Religious leaders should alert the general public to instances of conflict and tension between customary practices and their Islamic beliefs. It is hoped that through persistent awareness raising efforts and guidance, the Malay community will be able to stay true to their religious principles while preserving in the meantime their rich customary heritage and unique identities.

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Domestic Violence as a Ground for Dissolution of Marriage / Mohammad Hashim Kamali, Mohamed Azam Mohamed Adil & Nur Ilham Raimli

International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies Malaysia (IAIS), Malaysia
2019

238p.

9789671678602

\$ 10.00 / null

100 gm.

This policy research takes a closer look at existing laws in light of actual reports on domestic violence and abuse, for reform and improvement purposes. In this regard, the Moroccan Mudawwanah 2004 is a good legal reference for Muslim countries. Similarly, the Indonesian Marriage Act 1974 is exemplary in its inclusion of "habitual assault" under its provisions.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823656>

Development of Zakat in Malaysia: Past and Present / Wan Marhaini Wan Ahmad & Luqman Haji Abdullah

University of Malaya (UMP) Press, Malaysia 2022

xviii, 148p.

Includes Index

9789674882143

\$ 25.00 / null

300 gm.

Buddhism on the Silk Road / G.K. Lama

Sharada Publishing House, Delhi 2022

xiv, 325p.; ill. 27 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789383221394

\$ 112.50 / HB

1450 gm.

Oliver Wild, writing about the Silk Route, remarks that the most significant commodity carried along this route was not silk, but religion. The countries laying on the Silk Route and how this route had contributed to propagate Buddhism in those countries are the theme of this book. The present book gives detailed and current information of the history of the Silk Route and also throws light on those countries where Buddhism reached through this Route.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=822549>

The Cult of Adamantine Path / G.K. Lama

Buddhist World Press, Delhi 2022

xxvi, 344p.; ill. 26 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

9789391985080

\$ 112.50 / HB

1300 gm.

The book covers all the aspects of Buddhist Tantricism and also removes the confusions and suspenses regarding the path followed by its sadhakas. Discussion was made on various aspects of Buddhist Tantrayana such as its origin and development, its divisions and philosophy, literature, deities, Thangka painting related to Tantra, the Siddha tradition in Tantrayana, and geographical expansion of Tantrayana in Indian Territory and also outside India.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825216>

Buddhism: A Living Spiritual Force / G.K. Lama

B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi 2022

x, 328p.; ill. 29 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789391985189

\$ 123.75 / HB

1300 gm.

The Contribution of Buddhist thoughts and culture had been very important and distinct in shaping the religious life of Asian people for at least eight long centuries from the first century BCE. Due to the intellectual and cultural intercourse, during the course of about eight centuries, Buddhist scholars and missionaries and the pious devotees of Buddhism succeeded in transplanting Buddhist faith in the Asian Countries.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825221>

Early Buddhist Society: The World of Gautama Buddha / Xinru Liu

Permanent Black, Ranikhet 2022

xv, 207p.; ill. 22 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9788178246505

\$ 20.00 / HB

420 gm.

What might daily life have been like in the time of the Buddha in the sixth century BC? Who were some of the rulers, monks, philosophers, devotees, and doctors with whom the Buddha would have interacted and had discussions? What was involved in spreading the message of Buddhism and setting up the Buddhist sangha (order)? What were the schisms and factions, and the nature of opposition to Buddhism from Brahmin hegemony? These are among the many questions asked and answered in this book. A great deal is known about Buddhist tenets and doctrine, but very little exists on the lived context of the Buddha himself. Early Buddhist texts in Pali reveal a society in ways that other texts relating to Buddhism – including the Brahmanical literature – do not. Xinru Liu reads this literature to argue that the historical Buddha does not really exist in the imagination of most people, neither among Buddhists nor in others. This book plugs a large gap in our understanding of Buddhism.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=808391>

Buddhism in Himachal Pradesh / Lal Singh

Buddhist World Press, Delhi 2022

xiii, 186p.; ill. 27 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

9789391985028

\$ 75.00 / HB

900 gm.

The Book "Buddhism in Himachal Pradesh" presents from Buddha to Emperor Asoka, Milind, Kusan Kings, Harshvardan, Faxian, Juyang Sung, Guru Padam Sambhav, Atisa, Dipankar, Angarika, Dharampal, Anand Kosalyan, Dalai Lamas and S.N. Goenka Ji. I am sure the life and work of these great Indian Buddhist masters will inspire our readers to a better understanding of both the theoretical and practical aspect of the Buddhist Philosophy. The book also offers the glimpse of courage, compassion, dedication and devotion of the masters and their impact on the innocent, peace loving, contented people of the Himalayan Valley where life is sustained by love, compassion and wisdom and not by wealth. This is detailed in-depth study of the actual life of Buddhist in Himachal region. Innocence and Simplicity on the face of people of valley speaks of the impact of Buddhism in their real life, due to practice of compassion and loving kindness as taught by Buddha. The impact of Monastic life could be seen on every aspect of life which can guide and solve the tension full life of modern times to live a simple, happy and compassionate life.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825264>

Representations of Marriage and Beyond: An Investigation of Early Buddhist Textual Traditions (c.Sixth Century BCE to Fifth Century CE) / Taniya Roy

Primus Books, Delhi 2022

x, 233p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789355721259

\$ 26.25 / HB

510 gm.

At the core of the social world of Buddhism was the alternative system of salvation provided by the Buddha. Representations of Marriage and Beyond explores this alternative by investigating the relationship between gender and history in Buddhist society, allowing us to trace the roots of subordination and hierarchical difference among men and women, monks, and nuns during this time period. Closely analysing three Buddhist textual traditions—the Jatakas, the Theragatha and the Theragatha— this book examines representations of marriage and gender relations in a period that witnessed far-reaching changes in economic, political, material, and social life.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=808362>

SPITI: A Buddhist Land in Western Himalaya / V. Verma

Buddhist World Press, Delhi 2022

xii, 176p.; ill. 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789391985165

\$ 33.75 / HB

410 gm.

Spiti, a land of fascinating contrasts, shocks of green in a barren expanse of russet, lies hedged in between Tibet, Ladakh, Kullu and Kinnaur district of Lahul and Spiti. The hot, sandy and mountainous landscape spreading endlessly in all directions like the moonscape conjures up visions of inaccessible villages and inviolate summits.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825121>

Buddha and Pratityasamutpada / Sanjib Kumar Das

Buddhist World Press, Delhi 2022

viii, 117p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789391985004

\$ 23.75 / HB

420 gm.

The book title "Buddha and Pratityasamutpada" contains two main themes-a short life-story of Tathagata Buddha and a brief presentation on Pratityasamutpada (dependent origination) in English language. The life-story of Buddha is particularly based on Mahayana Sources while the theme pratityasamutpada has been discussed from different viewpoints together with examples.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825115>

Buddha and The Gospel of Buddhism / Ananda K. Coomaraswamy

Buddhist World Press, Delhi 2022

xii, 370p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789391985103

\$ 37.50 / HB

650 gm.

This book gives an account of the life of the Buddha and an exposition of the religion and philosophy the Buddha propounded. This also analyzes the origins of Buddhist thought and traces its development from Hindu philosophical systems. Development in Buddhist thought since the death of the Buddha are also dealt with as are Buddhist literature, sculpture and painting, both in India and in other...

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825116>

Gautam Buddha and Origin of Buddhism / Pramod Chattarak

Peridot Literary Books, Delhi 2022

vii, 280p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789390393169

\$ 47.50 / HB

700 gm.

Buddhism is one of the world's major religious traditions, with the majority of its influence in south and southeastern Asia. The History of Buddhism is the Story of one man's spiritual journey to Enlightenment, and of the teachings and ways of living that developed from it. Siddhartha Gautama - The Buddha. During its roughly 2.5 millennia of history, Buddhism has shown a flexible approach, adapting itself to different conditions and local ideas while maintaining its core teachings.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825112>

Elements of Buddhist Art and Culture / Baibhav Deshmukh

Edukeen Publisher, Delhi 2022

v, 312p.; 23 cm.
Bibliography Includes Index.
9789390379606
\$ 50.00 / HB
750 gm.

Buddhism is a religion and philosophy that developed from the teachings of the Buddha. Buddhism is a tradition that focuses on personal spiritual development. Buddhists strive for a deep insight into the true nature of life and do not worship gods or deities. Buddhism is open to traditions and customs provided they are not harmful to the welfare of others.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825041>

The Origin of the Buddha Image / Ananda K. Coomaraswamy
Buddhist World Press, Delhi 2022
42p.; ill. 25 cm.
9789391985110
\$ 12.50 / HB
420 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825032>

Buddhism 3.0: a philosophical investigation (Studies in Japanese philosophy; 28) / Fujita Isshō, Nagai Hitoshi, Yamashita Ryōdō, translated by Jamie Hubbard with Maki Hirano Hubbard &
Chisokudō Publications, Japan 2022
; 240 p ; 22 cm
9798782386412
\$ 120.00 / HB

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823518>

Representing the World as Sacred / Musashi Tachikawa
Vajra Publications Inc. Pvt. Ltd., Nepal 2021
xii, 206p.
9789937624121
\$ 35.00 / null
308 gm.

About thirty years ago, before an international symposium in Kyoto, I had the chance to talk with a Catholic priest about the relation between the world and God. He said that the world was sacred insofar as God, the creator, has given grace to the world. I objected that Buddhists who do not believe in God consider the world to be the sacred. The priest immediately replied, "Without God, you cannot say that the world is sacred. God is the ground for believing that the world is sacred."

The discussion stopped there, because the symposium was about to begin. I have to confess that I could not have argued the point with confidence at that time. How to elucidate the sacredness of the world without God has been one of my main concerns ever since.

This book is a collection of articles I have published in various journals over the years, on a range of topics. The chapters are all, however, more or less concerned with the sacredness of the world, as reflected in the Representing the World as Sacred.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=808320>

Bali and Hinduism in Indonesia: the institutionalization of a minority religion (Kyoto area studies on Asia; volume 28) Yasuyuki Nagafuchi / NA
Kyoto University Press, Japan 2022
; 300 p ; 23 cm
9784814004126

\$ 72.00 / HB

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823514>

Buddhism and social work in Cambodia and Myanmar (Research series; no. 8.
Exploring Buddhist social work) / Josef Gohori, Kana Matsuo

Gakubunsha, Japan 2022

; 97 p ; 22 cm

9784762031472

\$ 90.00 / HB

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823512>

Hinduism and Buddhism / Ananda K. Coomaraswamy

Buddhist World Press, Delhi 2022

86p.; 22 cm.

9789391985097

\$ 10.00 / HB

280 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825031>

Gurudwara: A Cultural Heritage-Open to Sky Museum / Harsha Rani

B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi 2022

xxi, 145p.; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

9789391123512

\$ 37.50 / HB

470 gm.

The book is about a prospective New Museum: The Sikh Heritage and Sociocultural milieu preserved by the Gurudwara sacred complex in the format of Eco-Museum/In situ museum based on community.

In the Eco-museum structure, the most significant point is people's participation in one's own heritage conservation, which is seen in the sacred complex of a Gurudwara. The Present study has enabled us to get acquainted with all these socioreligio-cultural parameters of a Gurudwara of the sikh community in clear terms.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=825202>

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