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FOR JUNIOR SENIOR LEVEL COURSES IN RELIGION AND SOCIETY IN DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES USING AN UNBIASED BALANCED APPROACH THE 7TH EDITION OF THIS TEXT CONTINUES TO OFFER A SOUND ANALYSIS OF RELIGION AS A SOCIAL INSTITUTION THAT IS INTERDEPENDENT AND IN CONSTANT INTERACTION WITH OTHER SOCIETAL UNITS IT HELPS STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF RELIGION IN SOCIETY THAT OCCUR REGARDLESS OF ANYONE'S CLAIMS ABOUT THE TRUTH OR FALSITY OF RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS THE FOCUS IS ON AMERICAN RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS BUT INCLUDES MANY EXAMPLES OF THE INTERACTION OF RELIGION AND SOCIETY IN OTHER

CULTURES BOTH HISTORIC AND CONTEMPORARY STUDENTS WILL ENCOUNTER MAJOR DISCUSSIONS OF ISLAM AND OTHER NON WESTERN RELIGIONS

IN THEIR INTRODUCTION TO THIS HANDBOOK THE EDITORS AFFIRM MANY SOCIOLOGISTS HAVE COME TO REALISE THAT IT MAKES NO SENSE NOW TO OMIT RELIGION FROM THE REPERTOIRE OF SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATIONS OF SOCIAL LIFE I WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE I ALSO SUGGEST THAT THIS WIDE RANGING SET OF ESSAYS SHOULD BECOME A STARTING POINT FOR SUCH ENQUIRIES EACH CHAPTER IS CLEAR COMPREHENSIVE AND WELL STRUCTURED MAKING THE HANDBOOK A REAL ASSET FOR ALL THOSE ENGAGED IN THE FIELD GRACE DAVIE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER SERIOUS SOCIAL SCIENTISTS WHO CARE ABOUT MAKING SENSE OF THE WORLD CAN NO LONGER IGNORE THE FACT THAT RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRACTICES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS WORLD THIS HANDBOOK IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR SPECIALISTS AND AMATEURS ALIKE THE EDITORS HAVE DONE AN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE JOB OF INCORPORATING TOPICS THAT ILLUMINATE THE RANGE AND DIVERSITY OF RELIGION AND ITS CONTINUING SIGNIFICANCE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ROBERT WUTHNOW PRINCETON UNIVERSITY AT A TIME WHEN RELIGIONS ARE INCREASINGLY AFFECTING AND AFFECTED BY LIFE BEYOND THE NARROWLY SACRED SPHERE RELIGION EVERYWHERE SEEMS TO BE CAUGHT UP IN CHANGE AND CONFLICT IN THE MIDST OF THIS CONTENTION AND CONFUSION THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION PROVIDES A RICH SOURCE OF UNDERSTANDING AND EXPLANATION THIS HANDBOOK PRESENTS AN UNPRECEDENTEDLY COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE FIELD BOTH WHERE IT HAS BEEN AND WHERE IT IS HEADED LIKE ITS MANY DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTORS ITS TOPICS AND THEIR COVERAGE ARE TRULY GLOBAL IN THEIR REACH THE HANDBOOK S 35 CHAPTERS ARE ORGANIZED INTO EIGHT SECTIONS BASIC THEORIES AND DEBATES METHODS OF STUDYING RELIGION SOCIAL FORMS AND EXPERIENCES OF RELIGION ISSUES OF POWER AND CONTROL IN RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS RELIGION AND POLITICS INDIVIDUAL RELIGIOUS BEHAVIOUR IN SOCIAL CONTEXT RELIGION SELF IDENTITY AND THE LIFE COURSE AND CASE STUDIES OF CHINA EASTERN EUROPE ISRAEL JAPAN AND MEXICO EACH CHAPTER ESTABLISHES BENCHMARKS FOR THE STATE OF SOCIOLOGICAL THINKING ABOUT RELIGION IN THE 21ST CENTURY AND PROVIDES A RICH BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR PURSUING ITS SUBJECT FURTHER OVERALL THE HANDBOOK STRETCHES THE FIELD CONCEPTUALLY METHODOLOGICALLY COMPARATIVELY AND HISTORICALLY AN INDISPENSABLE SOURCE OF GUIDANCE AND INSIGHT FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS CHOICE OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC TITLE 2009

WHY IS RELIGION STILL IMPORTANT CAN WE BE FULLY MODERN AND FULLY RELIGIOUS IN THIS NEW EDITION DAVIE FOLLOWS UP HER DISCUSSION OF THE MEANING OF RELIGION IN MODERN SOCIETY AND CONSIDERS HOW BEST TO RESEARCH AND UNDERSTAND THIS RELATIONSHIP EXPLORING THE RAPID MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION TODAY THIS REVISED AND UPDATED BOOK DESCRIBES THE ORIGINS OF THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION DEMYSTIFIES SECULARIZATION AS A PROCESS AND A THEORY RELATES RELIGION TO MODERN SOCIAL THEORY UNPACKS THE MEANING OF RELIGION IN RELATION TO MODERNITY AND GLOBALIZATION GRASPS THE METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES IN THE FIELD PROVIDES

A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE FOR RELIGIONS IN THE WEST INTRODUCES QUESTIONS OF MINORITIES AND MARGINS SETS OUT A CRITICAL AGENDA FOR DEBATE AND RESEARCH THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION HAS ALREADY PROVED ITSELF AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TITLES WITHIN THE FIELD THIS EDITION WILL ENSURE THAT IT REMAINS AN INDISPENSABLE RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS ALIKE

THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION DRAWS ON THE EXPERTISE OF AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM OF SCHOLARS PROVIDING BOTH AN ENTRY POINT INTO THE SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY AND UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGION AND AN IN DEPTH SURVEY INTO ITS CHANGING FORMS AND CONTENT IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD THE ROLE AND IMPACT OF RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY ON THE POLITICS CULTURE EDUCATION AND HEALTH IN THE MODERN WORLD IS RIGOROUSLY DISCUSSED AND DEBATED THE STUDY OF THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION FORGES INTERDISCIPLINARY LINKS TO EXPLORE ASPECTS OF CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN THE CONTEMPORARY INTERFACE BETWEEN SOCIETY AND RELIGION USING A COMBINATION OF THEORETICAL METHODOLOGICAL AND CONTENT LED APPROACHES THE FIFTY SEVEN CONTRIBUTORS COLLECTIVELY EMPHASISE THE COMPLEX RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN RELIGION AND ASPECTS OF LIFE FROM SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TO LAW ECOLOGY TO ART MUSIC TO COGNITIVE SCIENCE CRIME TO INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH CARE AND MORE THE DEVELOPING CHARACTER OF RELIGION IRRELIGION AND ATHEISM AND THE IMPACT OF RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY ON SOCIAL COHESION ARE EXPLORED AN OVERVIEW OF CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP IN THE FIELD IS PROVIDED IN EACH THEMED CHAPTER WITH AN EMPHASIS ON ENCOURAGING NEW THINKING AND REFLECTION ON FAMILIAR AND EMERGENT THEMES TO STIMULATE FURTHER DEBATE AND SCHOLARSHIP THE RESULTING ESSAY COLLECTION PROVIDES AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE FOR RESEARCH AND TEACHING IN THIS DIVERSE DISCIPLINE

USING A LIVELY NARRATIVE THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION IS AN INSIGHTFUL TEXT THAT INVESTIGATES THE FACTS OF RELIGION IN ALL ITS GREAT DIVERSITY INCLUDING ITS PRACTICES AND BELIEFS AND THEN ANALYZES ACTUAL EXAMPLES OF RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENTS USING RELEVANT CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORKS AS A RESULT STUDENTS ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN THE DISCOVERY LEARNING AND ANALYTICAL PROCESSES AS THEY PROGRESS THROUGH THE TEXT ORGANIZED AROUND ESSENTIAL TOPICS AND REAL LIFE ISSUES THIS UNIQUE TEXT EXAMINES RELIGION BOTH AS AN OBJECT OF SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS AS WELL AS A DEVICE FOR SEEKING PERSONAL MEANING IN LIFE THE BOOK PROVIDES SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON RELIGION WHILE INTRODUCING STUDENTS TO RELEVANT RESEARCH FROM INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOLARSHIP SIDEBAR FEATURES AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF RELIGIOUS FIGURES BRING THE TEXT TO LIFE FOR READERS KEY FEATURES USES SUBSTANTIVE AND TRULY CONTEMPORARY REAL LIFE RELIGIOUS ISSUES OF CURRENT INTEREST TO ENGAGE THE READER IN A WAY FEW OTHER TEXTS DO COMBINES THEORY WITH EMPIRICAL EXAMPLES DRAWN FROM THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD EMPHASIZING A CRITICAL AND ANALYTICAL PERSPECTIVE THAT ENCOURAGES BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MATERIAL PRESENTED FEATURES DISCUSSIONS OF EMERGENT RELIGIONS CONSUMERISM AND THE LINK BETWEEN RELIGION SPORTS AND OTHER FORMS OF POPULAR CULTURE DRAWS UPON INTERDISCIPLINARY LITERATURE HELPING

STUDENTS APPRECIATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHER DISCIPLINES WHILE PRIMARILY DEVELOPING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION ACCOMPANIED BY HIGH QUALITY ANCILLARIES INSTRUCTOR RESOURCES ON CD CONTAIN CHAPTER OUTLINES SUMMARIES MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS ESSAY QUESTIONS AND SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS AS WELL AS ILLUSTRATIONS FROM THE BOOK C INTENDED AUDIENCE THIS CORE TEXT IS DESIGNED FOR UPPER LEVEL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS OF SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION OR RELIGION AND POLITICS

SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION REPRESENTS A DOCUMENTED INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT AS APPLIED TO RELIGIOUS PHENOMENA IT EXAMINES BOTH THE SUBSTANTIVE AND FUNCTIONAL DEFINITIONS OF RELIGION THAT ARE MORE OPEN PLURALISTIC AND NOT INSCRIBED IN A SINGLE EXPLANATORY HORIZON OR WITHIN A SINGLE CONFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVE THE CONTRIBUTORS CONCERNS ARE CAREFULLY WRITTEN TO SHOW ALL SIDES OF THE ARGUMENT ROBERTO CIPRIANI ARGUES FOR THE SIMPLE DEFINITION THAT THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION IS AN APPLICATION OF SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES AND METHODS TO RELIGIOUS PHENOMENA HISTORICALLY CLOSE TIES BETWEEN SOCIOLOGY AND THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION EXIST THE SLOW AND UNEVEN DEVELOPMENT OF THEORY AND METHODS AFFECTS THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION S DEVELOPMENT BUT THE LATTER HAS ALSO BENEFITED FROM INCREASING PRECISION AND SCIENTIFIC VALIDITY OTHER SOCIOLOGICAL WRITERS AGREE AND DISAGREE ABOUT DIFFERENT APPROACHES SOME ASSUME IT IS A MILITANTLY CONFESSIONAL OR ANTI CONFESSIONAL OTHERS REMAIN NEUTRAL WITHIN THEIR WORK

WHAT ARE RELIGION AND NONRELIGION HOW DO FUNDAMENTALISM AND RELIGIOUS RADICALIZATION EMERGE AND GROW HOW DO SOCIAL CLASS GENDER SEXUALITY RACE ETHNICITY AND OTHER FACTORS AFFECT RELIGIOUS BELIEFS PRACTICES AND ORGANIZATIONS IS RELIGION A FUNDAMENTAL DRIVING FORCE OR DO POLITICAL LEADERS USE RELIGION FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES IN EXPLORING THESE PERTINENT QUESTIONS AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES OF CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS LIFE THEORETICAL DISCUSSION IS ACCOMPANIED BY PRESENTATIONS OF EMPIRICAL RESEARCH FROM SEVERAL RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION IS LINKED CLOSELY TO DEVELOPMENTS IN GENERAL SOCIOLOGY SOME CHAPTERS ARE ORGANIZED ACCORDING TO TOPIC WHILE OTHERS OFFER BRIEF PRESENTATIONS OF CLASSICAL AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGISTS FROM KARL MARX TO PATRICIA HILL COLLINS AND THEIR PERSPECTIVES ON SOCIAL LIFE INCLUDING ON RELIGION THIS SECOND EDITION HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY UPDATED THROUGHOUT WITH NEW CHAPTERS ON RELIGION AND SOCIAL INEQUALITIES SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS AND EXTREMISM COVERING CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION AS WELL AS CONTEMPORARY DEBATES AND TOPICS THIS BOOK IS IDEAL READING FOR STUDENTS APPROACHING THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION FOR THE FIRST TIME

PRODUCT INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE

A CLEAR AND COMPREHENSIVE INTRODUCTION TO THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION THIS BOOK COMBINES A DISCUSSION OF THE IDEAS OF THE MAIN THEORISTS WITH A WIDE RANGE OF COMPARATIVE MATERIAL ILLUSTRATING THE DIVERSITY OF RELIGION IT DEMONSTRATES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE THEORETICAL ISSUES IN THE CONTEXT OF SPECIFIC RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRACTICES THIS UNIQUE APPROACH SHOWS HOW THEORIES RELATE TO AND ILLUMINATE SPECIFIC AREAS OF RELIGION IN BOTH PRIMITIVE SOCIETIES AND IN WORLD RELIGIONS SUCH AS BUDDHISM AND CHRISTIANITY

GRACE DAVIE IS ONE OF THE BEST ANALYSTS OF RELIGION IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGY THIS BOOK CAPS A DISTINGUISHED RECORD OF STUDIES OF RELIGION FIRST OF BRITAIN THEN OF EUROPE THEN GLOBALLY THIS IS A MAGISTERIAL WORK WHICH SHOULD BE READ BY ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE PLACE OF RELIGION IN THE MODERN WORLD PETER L BERGER BOSTON UNIVERSITY THIS BOOK OFFERS BOTH AN EXPERT SURVEY OF CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION AND THE PERSONAL REFLECTIONS OF ONE OF THE LEADING SCHOLARS IN THE FIELD GRACE DAVIE IS A GOOD MODEL FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR TEACHERS SHE IS CLEAR ENGAGING AND FAIR MINDED BUT UNAFRAID TO EXPRESS A POINT OF VIEW DAVID VOAS UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER GRACE DAVIE HAS WRITTEN A BOOK ABOUT WHAT IS CURRENTLY HAPPENING IN THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION WHICH IS CLEAR ACCESSIBLE DEVOID OF JARGON AND AUTHORITATIVE THOUGH ADDRESSED TO THE EDUCATED READER IT ALSO PROVIDES AN IDEAL TEXT FOR STUDENTS IF YOU WANT EXPERT GUIDANCE ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION AND TO HAVE USEFUL INDICATIONS ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN RELIGION ON THE GLOBAL SCENE THIS BOOK DOES THE JOB EXTREMELY WELL THEOLOGY WHY IS RELIGION STILL IMPORTANT CAN WE BE FULLY MODERN AND FULLY RELIGIOUS THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION WORKS AT TWO LEVELS FIRST IT SETS OUT THE AGENDA COVERING THE KEY QUESTIONS IN THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION TODAY AT THE SAME TIME IT INTERROGATES THIS AGENDA ASKING IF THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION AS WE CURRENTLY KNOW IT IS FIT FOR PURPOSE IF NOT WHAT IS TO BE DONE THIS BOOK DESCRIBES THE ORIGINS OF THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION DEMYSTIFIES SECULARIZATION AS A PROCESS AND A THEORY RELATES RELIGION TO MODERN SOCIAL THEORY UNPACKS THE MEANING OF RELIGION IN RELATION TO MODERNITY AND GLOBALIZATION GRASPS THE METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES IN THE FIELD PROVIDES A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE FOR RELIGIONS IN THE WEST INTRODUCES QUESTIONS OF MINORITIES AND MARGINS SETS OUT A CRITICAL AGENDA FOR DEBATE AND RESEARCH IN A SINGLE VOLUME GRACE DAVIE CAPTURES THE NATURE AND FORMS OF MODERN RELIGION THE CURRENT DEBATES IN THE FIELD AND THE PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

IN THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION FIRST PUBLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1963 MAX WEBER LOOKS AT THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE RELIGION HAS PLAYED IN SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGHOUT HISTORY THE BOOK WAS A FORMATIVE TEXT OF THE NEW DISCIPLINE OF SOCIOLOGY AND HAS GONE ON TO BECOME A CLASSIC IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF BOOKS AND RESEARCH ARTICLES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED ON THE CONCEPT OF

RELIGION AND COMPARATIVE RELIGION BUT RARELY HAS ANY RELIGIOUS SCHOLAR ELABORATED THE CONTRIBUTION OF DIFFERENT RELIGIONS FROM SOCIOLOGICAL POINT OF VIEW THIS WELL RESEARCHED AND ERUDITE STUDY DISCUSSES THE CONCEPT OF RELIGION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO DR ALI SHARIATI AN EMINENT SOCIOLOGIST AND MUSLIM SCHOLAR OF IRAN HE BROUGHT FORTH THE UNIQUE DIMENSIONS OF THE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RELIGIONS THE TEXT PROVIDES A COMPLETE SOCIOLOGICAL BACKGROUND OF VARIOUS RELIGIONS AND STRESSES THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN ADDITION DIFFERENT ISLAMIC IDEALS AND THOUGHTS WHICH NEED TO BE UNDERSTOOD IN MODERNIST S RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVE ARE DISCUSSED FOR EXAMPLE THE CONCEPTS OF IMAMAT IJTihad ENJOINING GOOD AND FORBIDDING EVIL AND HAJJ ARE DEALT FROM A SOCIOLOGICAL VIEWPOINT FINALLY EVEN THE LESS KNOWN DIMENSIONS OF ISLAMIC IDEOLOGIES ARE EXPLAINED THE BOOK IS INTENDED FOR THE POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS OF ISLAMIC STUDIES RESEARCH SCHOLARS AND POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS OF PHILOSOPHY MAY ALSO FIND THE BOOK USEFUL IN ADDITION ANY READER WHO IS INTERESTED IN SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION AND IN PARTICULAR THE IDEOLOGY AND OTHER ASPECTS OF ISLAM WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS BOOK

READINGS IN THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

SINCE THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION BECAME RECOGNISED AS A DISTINCT SUB DISCIPLINE OVER THE LAST CENTURY THE DOMINANCE OF APPROACHES TAKING THEIR INSPIRATION FROM THE SOCIOLOGICAL CLASSICS HAS INCREASINGLY BEEN CHALLENGED EMPIRICAL FINDINGS HAVE BROUGHT THE NOTION OF SECULARISATION INTO QUESTION AND THEORISTS HAVE SOUGHT TO DECONSTRUCT HOW WE THINK OF RELIGION THIS COLLECTION APPRAISES THE CONTINUING INFLUENCE OF THE FOUNDATIONAL APPROACHES AND PLACES THESE IN RELATION TO NEWLY EMERGING DIRECTIONS IN THE FIELD THE BOOK IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS EACH SECTION CONTAINING ONE FOUNDATIONAL CHAPTER WRITTEN BY AN ESTABLISHED ACADEMIC FOLLOWED BY TWO FUTURES CHAPTERS CONTRIBUTED BY EMERGING SCHOLARS IN THE SUB DISCIPLINE THESE CHAPTERS COMPLEMENT ONE ANOTHER BY PLACING THE OVERVIEW OF FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF A SURVEY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION OVER THE LAST CENTURY TOPICS DISCUSSED IN THESE CHAPTERS INCLUDE LIVED RELIGION SEXUALITY RITUAL RELIGION AND THE MEDIA COMBINING ERUDITE EXAMINATIONS OF THE BRITISH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION STUDY GROUP S WORK SO FAR WITH EXPLORATIONS OF THE FUTURE DIRECTIONS ITS RESEARCH MIGHT TAKE THIS BOOK IS VITAL READING FOR ANY SCHOLAR WHOSE WORK COMBINES RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND SOCIOLOGY

SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION IS AN INCREASINGLY POPULAR COMPONENT OF COURSES IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES AT UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL WHILE MOST TEXTBOOKS ON THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION ARE WRITTEN FROM A SOCIOLOGICAL BACKGROUND THIS NEW STUDENT FRIENDLY TEXTBOOK AIMS TO INTRODUCE THE FIELD AND THE SUBJECTS STUDIED BY SOCIOLOGISTS OF RELIGION TO STUDENTS WITH A BACKGROUND IN THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

THE SAGE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION TAKES A THREE PRONGED LOOK AT THIS
NAMESLY INVESTIGATING THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN SOCIETY UNPACKING AND EVALUATING THE
SIGNIFICANCE OF RELIGION IN AND ON HUMAN HISTORY AND TRACING AND OUTLINING THE SOCIAL
FORCES AND INFLUENCES THAT SHAPE RELIGION THIS ENCYCLOPEDIA COVERS A RANGE OF THEMES FROM
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