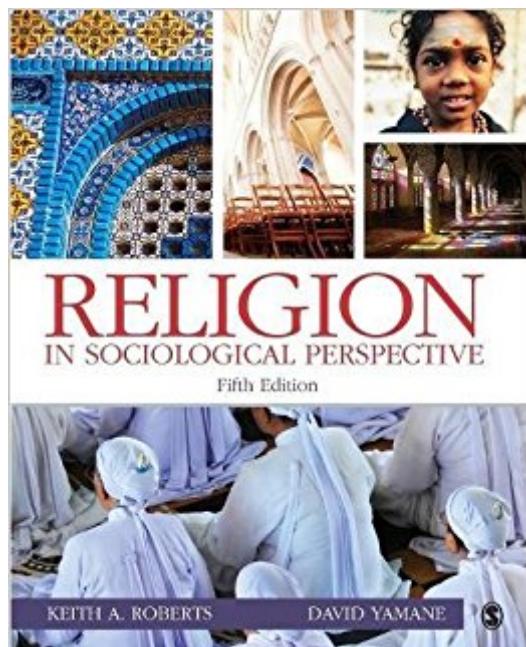


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This fully updated Fifth Edition helps students understand and apply the theories and research methods of the sociology of religion. While the authors cover the major theoretical paradigms of the field and employ various middle-range theories to explore specific processes, they use the open systems model as a single unifying framework to integrate the theories and enhance student understanding. Throughout the book, the authors analyze the contributions and blind spots of each theory and emphasize the relationship between research methods and findings.

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Roberts and Yamane have written a book which has the clearest presentation of sociological concepts of any sociology of religion text I've read. It is comprehensive in scope, has a clear, lively, and interesting writing style, and is sensitively presented in a "non-preachy" way. (Matthew Vos 2011-04-27) I have looked at a number of other texts for an introduction to the sociology of religion. Roberts continues to be the best one out there. (Samuel Inuwa Zalanga 2011-04-27)

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I bought this for sociology of religion. Fantastic class. The book doesn't bash religion or favour a particular religion. In fact, it is written by two sociologists who are practising Christians. But I wish the book didn't focus mainly on American Christianity, as I'm studying comparative religions.

Good book

Excellent overview and depth analysis of religion.

I have written very few reviews. That being said, it is pretty funny that of the reviews I HAVE written, my most glowing endorsement would be for a sociology textbook. Well, there it is. Roberts has produced an edition that is amazingly well put-together, with few of the bumps and unnecessary "interest pieces" that only distract. The prose is clear and the material exactly what is needed for comprehension. What started off as reading in preparation for lecture and response quickly became reading for pleasure. While many other textbooks of this ilk magically manage to make an

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It was very helpful to school

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