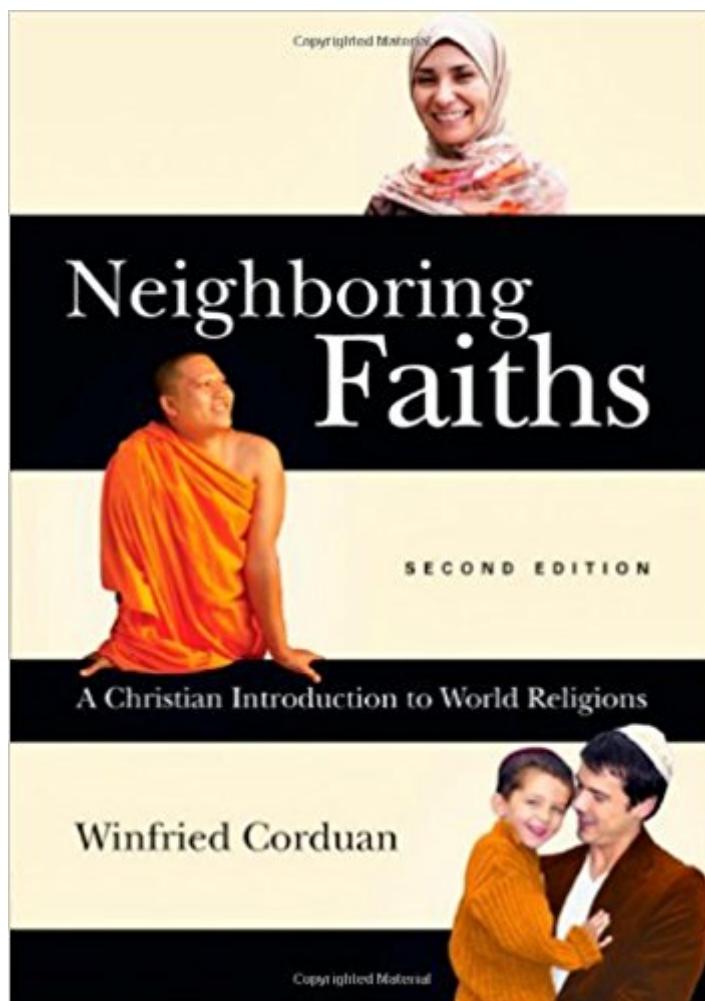


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# Neighboring Faiths: A Christian Introduction To World Religions



## Synopsis

For all who want to understand the religious faiths of their neighbors and coworkers, Winfried Corduan offers an introduction to the religions of the world. His survey covers major and minor religions including Judaism, Islam, Zoroastrianism, African traditional religions, Native American religion, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Baha'i, Chinese popular religion, and Shinto and Japanese religions. *Neighboring Faiths* emphasizes not just formal religious teachings but also how each religion is practiced in daily life. Dozens of photographs, charts and maps help illustrate how the faiths are lived out in contemporary culture. Moving beyond mere description, Corduan offers specific suggestions for how Christians can avoid giving unnecessary offense to followers of these faiths while engaging them in constructive dialogue. This edition has been thoroughly revised and expanded, with a new chapter on Islam after 9/11 and additional material throughout.

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Winfried Corduan (Ph.D., Rice University) is professor emeritus of philosophy and religion at Taylor University, Upland, Indiana. He has led many undergraduate tours focusing on the lived religious traditions of various parts of the world. He is the author of several books, including *Handmaid to Theology*, *Reasonable Faith: Basic Christian Apologetics*, *Neighboring Faiths* and *A Tapestry of Faiths*.

Everybody in general should read this book for the simple fact that "Christianity" stands alone as the true religion of the whole universe! For the simple fact that our "Neighboring Faiths" are based on works, and sacrifices to this false gods? Which in term provide no solution to the needs of the human heart, as they fail to provide unconditional love, intimacy, and salvation to mankind; due in part of the "Sin" nature which was imputed by the "fall" of Adam and Eve. Only in Jesus Christ our hearts, mind, and soul could be restored back to Him? Since God it's a "Spirit" which could only be accessible, as we become believers in Jesus Christ alone!

I really enjoyed reading this book for my World Religions course. The author, Winfred Corduan, is very knowledgeable about many different religions and shares that knowledge in a way that helps the reader to easily understand. I especially like how he talks about relating the gospel to people from each religion at the end of each section. He is very Biblically balanced in his approach to sharing the gospel to people of different cultures and religions.

This book serves as a well written introduction to some of the worlds major religious movements. Not only does this book give an introduction but it does so from a verifiable anthropological position, i.e. that there is one God and at one time all people worshipped and/or were aware of this one God.

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Great book, very informative on world religions and includes folk practices, so it doesn't just focus

on religious tenets, but also on common practice. I would recommend to anyone and will use with my students when I teach a world religions class again.

One of the best books on these subjects. Easy to read (at college level of course) and covers much in a few pages. Also offers an apologetic in addressing members of each religious group. This is a good book.

I thought it was a good review of religions other than Christianity. For someone who was unfamiliar with how other religions came to be. it was a great starter book.

This work does a great job presenting the development of a religions in context within its historical sitting. Great read.

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