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A world Bible for our time from Buddhist, Hindu, Confucian, Taoist, Jewish, Christian, Islamic, and primal religion sources!

In this perfect companion to Huston Smith's bestselling *The World's Wisdom*, Philip Novak distills the most powerful and elegant expressions of the wisdom of humankind. Authentic, poetic translations of key texts are coupled with insightful introductions and "grace notes."

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### **Diana says**

If you just read the texts selected for this book, it almost makes religion seem to make sense.

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### **Marion says**

I learned SO much from this book and still keep it on my shelf!

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### **Doug says**

Excellent companion to Huston Smith's "The World's Religions." Not quite as informative as that volume, but its purpose is different. Contains sacred writings for all the main historical religions. Lots of good stuff in here, and it's not hard to see that there is quite a bit of overlap among different religions.

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### **Wendy ? Solis says**

I loved reading this book.

It has key points from some religion's sacred text. When you read passages from this book it really helps to formulate your own opinion on a religion without biased comments. Reading this cleared up some questions I had about women's rights in Islam, Jesus' place in Christianity, or whatever popped into my head about a Religion.

However, while this book did help me find answers to some things, it also clouded my mind a bit when there wasn't a direct answer. But religion is complex so I had to interpret it my own way sometimes. I suggest to not rely on only this book because that can be misleading, but also take into consideration other people's personal experience and knowledge and the actual Bible, Torah, Qur'an, etc.

Overall this was in interesting read.

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### **Kim says**

Wonderful book. Author teaches World Religions at college level and saw there lacked a comprehensive easy to read collection of sacred texts from all the most influential religions. They are divided by chapter. The point he is demonstrating is how similar they all are! Wonderful. Everyone should read this, in my opinion! It's also one of those books to keep around, keep on hand for always.

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### **Kelley says**

An excellent resource for those who are interested in a variety of religions and their respective texts. The 'endnotes' and 'acknowledgements' sections are very useful in helping English speakers locate trustworthy translations of texts in foreign languages.

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### **Jamie says**

Excellent book! I love the inclusion of original texts. I really felt like I got a good taste of each of these religions. The sections on native religions and Zen were of particular interest to me. The section on Islam seemed to lack a bit of historical context.

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### **Dawn says**

This book really displays how weak the ethical and philosophical standings are compared to Islam, Buddhism and the native religions.

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### **Rebecca Romaneski says**

i'm reading this for my "world religions" class. it contains excerpts from the world's major religions, which is interesting.

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### **Jihane Hakimi says**

I first read it for my Comparative religion class during my sophomore year- a decade ago- and I still like to read a page or two from time to time. It wouldn't be a bad idea to recommend it for schools curricula/would do good to the world.

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### **Patrick Wozny says**

This is a wonderfully concise collection of writings from all of the world's major religions, including Primal religions, such as Eskimo creation stories, etc. Perfect introduction to anyone interested in comparative religions/mythologies.

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### **Jad El Dib says**

I read "The World's Wisdom" while reading Huston Smith's "The World Religions". The content of the

book is so rich, and the chosen translations are of the highest quality. For example, the Tao Te Ching selections are so poetic and better than any of the other translations that i had read.

Each chapter covers one of the religions described in Huston Smith's book, and highlights the major religious texts involved.

It is a book that can be revisited over and over again, especially for those interested in comparative religions. I highly recommend.

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### **Chad says**

This book gives an interesting glimpse into the various religions of the world. While it is not a comprehensive look at the religion, it highlights the sacred texts of various religious beliefs. I would caution the reader to not rely on this source alone as it does not explain the tenants of the religion and the text could be a bit misleading if you do not already understand the foundation and beliefs of each religion. Even so, it was still an interesting read and a good resource for a high level look at the major religions.

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### **Marianne says**

Use it every semester in my World Religions Course. Can't be replaced.

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### **Lani says**

Read this for my "Religions of the world" class. Liked being able to immerse myself in other cultural faiths, very interesting.

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